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Alternative and Renewable Fuel and	)			
Vehicle Technology Program	)			
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FIRST 2010-2011 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING FOR THE
ALTERNATIVE AND RENEWABLE FUEL AND VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY
PROGRAM

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#### COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

James D. Boyd, Vice Chair and Presiding Member for the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program

Anthony Eggert, Associate Member of the Transportation Committee

ALSO PRESENT (via WebEx)

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## Public Comment

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9:20 a.m.

- MS. BAROODY: Well, welcome, members of the
- 4 Advisory Committee, stakeholders, and those listening in on
- 5 WebEx. We are really glad you could be here. I am Leslie
- 6 Baroody and I just want to thank you for taking your
- 7 valuable time to be with us today, to provide input into the
- 8 2010-2011 Investment Plan. Before I continue, I just have
- 9 to take care of the housekeeping items regarding this
- 10 building. Most importantly, the restrooms are in the back
- 11 to the left, outside in the hallway there; there is a
- 12 charming snack bar on the second floor underneath the white
- 13 awning; and lastly, it is unlikely, but in the event of an
- 14 emergency, the building would be evacuated and you would
- 15 follow us out the doors here, we would go outside to
- 16 Roosevelt Park, which is across the way here, diagonally
- 17 across the building. And that is all I need to say right
- 18 now. I would like to turn it over right now to Commissioner
- 19 Boyd. Thank you.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Thank you, Leslie. Welcome,
- 21 everybody. Sorry for the slow start, but it is always
- 22 predictable, so -- electronics and getting people settled.
- 23 I want to add to the welcome and thank you all for being
- 24 here today, particularly to those of you who were on the
- 25 Advisory Committee, those physically present in the room,

- 1 and those I know are going to be on the WebEx out there,
- 2 listening. We will not be able to read your body language
- 3 over the telephone, but plenty of opportunity will be
- 4 presented to afford you an opportunity to say whatever you
- 5 want on various issues. For those listening on the phone or
- 6 in the audience who do not know me, I am Jim Boyd, the Vice
- 7 Chair of the Commission and Presiding Member of the
- 8 Transportation Committee. To my right is the second member
- 9 of the Transportation Committee and one of our brand new
- 10 Commissioners, Anthony Eggert. I will give him a chance to
- 11 say a few words in just a moment.
- I am sure you all have a copy of the notice for
- 13 this first meeting, which gives you the purpose and reason
- 14 you are here. There are familiar faces around the table and
- 15 definitely in the audience. And there are a few new faces
- 16 on this newly reconstituted for this second go-round on the
- 17 Investment Plan for this program, and we appreciate your
- 18 willingness to participate in our Advisory Committee. As we
- 19 go through the agenda today, you will certainly get a flavor
- 20 of the status of the last Investment Plan that you all
- 21 helped us with, which was a very Herculean task and a major
- 22 effort by all since it was the first we had ever done, it
- 23 was also, as you know, meant to cover two fiscal years
- 24 because the legislation kicked in and we had a short time
- 25 before we had to start one year, so it was an interesting

- 1 and educational experience for all. As you will hear, we
- 2 finished that Investment Plan just in the nick of time for
- 3 the economy to go to heck and for the Economic Stimulus
- 4 Programs to kick in. And we tried to tag on as best we
- 5 could for the State of California, and you will hear more
- 6 about that later on when Chuck Mizutani reviews the program
- 7 activities to date. I am pretty confident that everyone
- 8 will be quite pleased with what has happened to date, some
- 9 may not be pleased with the speed with which things have
- 10 happened, and I will blame that all on the Federal
- 11 Government, it certainly was not our fault at all. But
- 12 trying to piggyback with them is like trying to wrestle a --
- 13 I was going to say elephant, more like a rhinoceros to the
- 14 ground and actually ride it along for the fun. In any
- 15 event, we are very pleased to see this program still
- 16 basically intact. I am very thankful to any and all of you
- 17 who have played any kind of a role in helping keep it intact
- 18 in these very difficult financial times, and am incredibly
- 19 pleased that we are even able to be here to discuss the next
- 20 year and hopefully forthcoming years in the future with
- 21 regard to this program, which we think will aid California
- 22 in its drive to address climate change and energy security
- 23 through energy diversity, and to help stimulate California's
- 24 economy and green businesses. Green jobs go hand in glove
- 25 with what we are doing, which is one of the reasons we still

- 1 have a program with money to spend. So welcome to all. And
- 2 I will turn the mic over to Commissioner Eggert for a few
- 3 words that he would like to say -- or maybe not a few words
- 4 -- before we go back to Ms. Baroody to run the rest of the
- 5 agenda and before I run out of a voice here.
- 6 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: Thank you, Commissioner
- 7 Boyd. And I just want to say that I am very pleased and
- 8 honored to be a participant to this Committee and to be
- 9 serving with the Presiding Commissioner Boyd. We first
- 10 actually met way back when you were a Junior Commissioner,
- 11 maybe about nine or so years ago, and so I am happy to be in
- 12 that role and I can only hope that I will be able to provide
- 13 the same leadership and input that you have over the years.
- I did want to say just a few things about this
- 15 meeting and also thank all of you for being here. I think
- 16 this particular program, and especially the 118 Strategic
- 17 Investment Plan, really requires input from outside parties
- 18 and your insights today -- I hope that you will not be shy
- 19 and feel free to provide a lot of constructive input on the
- 20 program, and hopefully we can take those comments and
- 21 improve the final product.
- In terms of the goals of this, as I see it,
- 23 certainly we are sort of seeing a tremendous amount of
- 24 activity in the transportation space, both for vehicles and
- 25 fuels. It is very exciting, it is one of, I think, the

- 1 shining lights of our economy -- our struggling economy --
- 2 that there continues to be significant investment in low
- 3 carbon fuels, advance vehicle technologies, and I think over
- 4 the next several years we are going to start to see a
- 5 significant transformation that will diversify our energy
- 6 system, reduce our dependency on currently a singular
- 7 commodity, that being petroleum, and start to put us on a
- 8 path towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions to meet our
- 9 goals of AB 32. And, you know, just to spend a second on
- 10 that, obviously we have in statute the 1990 level target by
- 11 2020, but certainly both within that Bill and the Executive
- 12 Order by the Governor sets out a real target, which is an 80
- 13 percent reduction by 2050, and we need to really think hard
- 14 of how we are going to get there and what role this
- 15 particular program plays in putting us on a path towards
- 16 that endpoint.
- I would say that the amount of funds that are
- 18 available within this program, if you look at them in the
- 19 context of what is needed to make this transformation, the
- 20 government really is a bit player in this game. The level
- 21 of investment is vastly more than anything we can
- 22 accomplish, and I think it would not be appropriate for us
- 23 to be the sole provider of those funds, so we should be
- 24 looking at how we best leverage our investment against the
- 25 investment of the private sector, and really sort of figure

- 1 where we are going to put those monies to maximize the
- 2 chance of success for the technologies that we want to see
- 3 succeed.
- I think we are going to, when we get into the
- 5 discussion we will sort of maybe invite more specific
- 6 discussion on certain topics, but I am very interested in
- 7 not only sort of where we put our money, but sort of how we
- 8 are investing it, what types of mechanisms we use to get the
- 9 maximum leverage. And then, finally, I would say, you know,
- 10 this is in the context of a policy overlay, obviously AB 32,
- 11 the Low Carbon Fuel Standard, the zero emission vehicle
- 12 standard, all of those policies exist and are pushing the
- 13 industry in a particular direction, and we should again be
- 14 thinking about our role in that process. So, with that, I
- 15 will turn it back over.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Thanks. I would like
- 17 everybody now to introduce themselves. We will go around
- 18 the table, and once we finish here, we will ask the members
- 19 who are participating by WebEx to also chime in and identify
- 20 themselves so folks have an idea of who we all are and who
- 21 you all are, so during the course of the day we can put a
- 22 face to the voice that is heard over the loud speaker
- 23 system. So, Pete, why don't we start over here?
- 24 MR. PRICE: Pete Price with the California Natural
- 25 Gas Vehicle Coalition.

- 1 MR. HWANG: Roland Hwang with Natural Resource
- 2 Defense Council.
- 3 MS. BAKER: Shannon Baker Brownstetter with
- 4 Consumers union.
- 5 MS. GARLAND: Leslie Garland with Western Oil and
- 6 Gas Association.
- 7 MR. SHEDD: Rick Shedd with the State Department
- 8 of General Services.
- 9 MS. HOLMES-GEN: Bonnie Holmes-Gen with the
- 10 American Lung Association of California.
- 11 MR. COOPER: Peter Cooper with the California
- 12 Labor Federation.
- MS. SHARPLESS: Jan Sharpless. I am labeled
- 14 Public at Large.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Thank you, Jan.
- MR. FLETCHER: Bob Fletcher from the Air Resources
- 17 Board.
- MR. KAZARIAN: Karing Kazarian, Business,
- 19 Transportation and Housing.
- 20 MR. LEARY: My name is Mark Leary and for those
- 21 that have been paying close attention, I am listed as the
- 22 California Integrated Waste Management Board, but with the
- 23 passage of Senate Bill 63 last session, that board no longer
- 24 exists, and I am now part of the new California Department
- of Resources, Recycling, and Recovery within the National

- 1 Resources Agency, and that combination resulted from the
- 2 former Waste Board Programs being divided with California's
- 3 Bottle Bill Program to unify all solid waste efforts in the
- 4 state under one department. Thank you.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Mark, glad to see you
- 6 employed.
- 7 MR. LEARY: Me too.
- 8 MR. EMMETT: Daniel Emmett, Energy Independence
- 9 Now.
- 10 MR. SHEARS: John Shears with the Center for
- 11 Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technologies.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Now, would the folks on the
- 13 phone, the Advisory Committee members who are participating
- 14 by WebEx, would you so identify yourselves?
- 15 MR. COLEMAN: Will Coleman with Mohr Davidow
- 16 Ventures.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Good morning, Will.
- MS. SEXTON: Chelsea Sexton --
- 19 COMMISSIONER BOYD: We could not hear that last
- 20 person. Could you try again?
- MS. SEXTON: Sure. Chelsea Sexton.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BOYD: We are still not picking you
- 23 up. Is that you, Chelsea?
- MS. SEXTON: Yes, now we hear you a little louder.
- 25 Apparently the phone connection -- you are going to have to

- 1 work hard at being heard when you want to say something.
- MS. SEXTON: I am used to that.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Thank you. Next.
- 4 MR. COLMAN: Brooke Colman, New Fuels Alliance.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Good morning, Brooke.
- 6 MR. COLMAN: Good morning.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Is it still morning?
- 8 MR. COLMAN: Good afternoon.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Anyone else?
- 10 MR. BONNER: This is Brian Bonner with Air
- 11 Products.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Brian, we are just asking the
- 13 Committee members to identify themselves. Others who are
- 14 listening in and want to participate will get to comment
- 15 during the public comment period, but glad to hear you are
- 16 there, anyway. Have we got all the Advisory Committee
- 17 members, please? I am assuming we do, so to just restate
- 18 and reinforce what has been said so far with regards to the
- 19 Transportation Committee members here, we have before all of
- 20 us a staff draft report of a product that represents, I
- 21 know, a lot of effort on the part of the staff to bring to
- 22 you a reasonably concrete proposal based on the experiences
- 23 of last year and the experiences of finalizing a plan and
- 24 having it in the public record, and having had a lot of
- 25 discussion and debate and activity revolve around it,

- 1 modified, amplified, whatever, by of course all the economic
- 2 stimulus work. So we will get into detailed comment during
- 3 the course of this meeting. And as Commissioner Eggert
- 4 said, we are anxious to hear from you all, appreciative of
- 5 your views with regard to how we should proceed in the
- 6 future, what lessons learned from experience to date, what
- 7 ways can we maximize both the speed with which we are able
- 8 to move the program along, and maximize the opportunities
- 9 for everyone to participate in the program. And, as
- 10 Commissioner Eggert said, we are really interested in the
- 11 leveraging of our -- to us, it seems like a lot of money --
- 12 but in the scope of things, our small, but steadfast amounts
- 13 of money to help leverage other activities and
- 14 synergistically maybe provide greater opportunities for
- 15 meeting our program goals and objectives in really helping
- 16 folks in business in California contribute to the California
- 17 economy. So with that, Leslie, I am going to turn it over
- 18 to you and we are actually right -- more or less on
- 19 schedule. We are giving you back 10 minutes because no way
- 20 could Anthony and I have consumed an entire half hour with
- 21 our remarks. So, Leslie, please.
- MS. BAROODY: Thank you very much, Commissioner
- 23 Boyd and Commissioner Eggert. Well, we have a very full
- 24 agenda today and we want to give everybody who would like to
- 25 speak an opportunity to do so. As you can see on the

- 1 agenda, in the morning we will have staff making
- 2 presentations regarding the program's purpose, last year's
- 3 investment plan, and a review of the 2010-2011 Investment
- And then, in the afternoon, the Advisory Committee 4 Plan.
- 5 members will have an opportunity to speak and provide input
- 6 and I would keep it to about five minutes per member, and if
- 7 we have time to go around again, we will do that. Later in
- 8 the afternoon, about 3:30 or so, 3:40 after our break, we
- 9 will invite public comment and that will be about three
- 10 minutes per person. And then we hope to adjourn about 5:00.
- 11 We do have blue cards and those are available with
- 12 Joelle, if you would raise your hand, Joelle? If you are
- 13 going to speak during the public comment period, if you
- 14 would see her and fill out one of the blue cards that would
- 15 be great, and return it to Joelle. Thank you.
- 16 If you have any clarifying questions about the
- 17 morning, about the process, do not hesitate to ask, however,
- if you have questions on the Staff Draft Investment Plan, we 18
- 19 would prefer if you could wait until this afternoon to talk
- 20 about that.
- I am going to just quickly go over the program, 21
- 22 spend a few minutes describing it.
- 23 As most of you know, the Alternative and Renewable
- 24 Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program was established by
- 25 Assembly Bill 118 in October of 2007, and later amended by

1 AB 109 in 2008. The purpose of the program	ιİS	; to	develor
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- 2 and deploy innovative technologies that transform
- 3 California's fuels and vehicle types to help attain the
- 4 state's climate change policy.
- 5 Since 2003, key policies have been adopted in
- 6 California to achieve the state's petroleum reduction and
- 7 climate change goals. Prior to AB 118's adoption, Executive
- 8 Order S305 had established the goal of petroleum fuel use
- 9 reduction to 15 percent below 2003 levels by 2020. And in
- 10 2006, AB 32 was adopted, which established the goal of
- 11 reducing greenhouse gas emissions in California to 1990
- 12 levels by 2020, and 80 percent 1990 levels by 2050.
- The AB 1007 Pavley Bill adopted in September of
- 14 2005 required the Energy Commission to develop a plan to
- 15 increase the use of alternative fuels in California. The
- 16 resulting State Alternative Fuel Plan set a goal of
- 17 increasing alternative and renewable fuel use to 11 percent
- 18 of on-road and off-road fuel demand by 2012, 13 percent by
- 19 2017, and 26 percent by 2022. Finally, Executive Order S606
- 20 established an in-state biofuels production goal of
- 21 producing in California 20 percent of biofuels used in the
- 22 state by 2010, 40 percent by 2020, and 75 percent by 2050.
- In order to provide a market mechanism to carry
- 24 out these policy objectives, AB 118 authorizes the Energy
- 25 Commission to develop and deploy innovative fuel and vehicle

1	technologies	to	achieve	the	state's	key	climate	change	and

- 2 energy policy objectives. The program spans seven and a
- 3 half years and has a sunset date of January 1st, 2016. In
- 4 Fiscal Year '08-'09, \$75 million was awarded, and in Fiscal
- 5 year '09-'10, \$101 million was awarded. And in 2010-2011,
- 6 Fiscal Year, we are requesting \$108 million. These awards,
- 7 however, are to be made without adopting or advocating any
- 8 one preferred fuel or technology. They also cannot be used
- 9 for projects that are required by state, federal, or
- 10 district rules or regulations.
- 11 The program addresses the state's need for
- 12 workforce training for the emerging green economy and the
- 13 need for job creation. And the Energy Commission must also
- 14 establish sustainability goals to make sure the program's
- 15 projects do not adversely impact natural resources. Getting
- 16 the word out about the program through marketing and public
- 17 education and outreach is essential to ensure the success of
- 18 the program. Finally, there is an ongoing need for
- 19 technical assistance, as well as environmental market and
- 20 technology analysis to support the development of the
- 21 Investment Plan.
- The Energy Commission is required to develop and
- 23 adopt an annual investment plan which determines the
- 24 priorities and opportunities for program funds. This plan
- 25 must include input from the Advisory Committee throughout

- 1 its development. The role of the Advisory Committee is to
- 2 inform, advise, and make recommendations regarding the
- 3 Investment Plan. The Committee is to convene a public
- 4 meeting such as this one at least twice annually, and
- 5 membership on the committee includes mandated agencies,
- 6 groups representing mandated interests, and groups
- 7 representing interests selected by the Energy Commission's
- 8 Transportation Committee.
- 9 Just one caveat is that organizations that
- 10 directly participate on the Committee may not apply for
- 11 program funds. And that about wraps up the Introduction.
- 12 And once again, we do appreciate your presence here. And I
- 13 would like to introduce the Office Manager for the Emerging
- 14 Fuels and Technologies Office, Chuck Mizutani.
- 15 MR. MIZUTANI: Thank you, Leslie. I am Chuck
- 16 Mizutani of the Energy Commission and I guess I would like
- 17 to give a year-end review on our program activities, from
- 18 the use of the Fiscal Year 2008-2010 program funds.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Did everybody hear Chuck? You
- 20 are soft-spoken, Chuck, so make sure you are on top of that
- 21 microphone.
- MR. MIZUTANI: Thank you, Commissioner. On April
- 23 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009, the Commission adopted the first Investment Plan
- 24 and it allocated \$176 million from the two Fiscal Years, \$75
- 25 million from Fiscal Year 2008-2009, and \$101 million from

- 1 Fiscal Year 2009-2010. This is a summary of the Investment
- 2 Plan that was adopted by the fuel categories with the
- 3 additional non-fuel categories called Market Development and
- 4 Program Support.
- 5 So, the year in review. Some of the funds we
- 6 encumbered by way of entering into the agreements and
- 7 contracts. We entered into an interagency agreement with
- 8 the State Department of General Services to convert some of
- 9 their basically 50 Toyota Prius to plug-in hybrid electric.
- 10 That was for about \$612,000. The 50 vehicles have been
- 11 retrofitted and DGS is in the process of placing those
- 12 vehicles in operation.
- In the area of workforce development, we allocated
- 14 \$15 million and what we have done so far is we have entered
- 15 into an interagency agreement with EDD for \$4.5 million and
- 16 with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
- 17 for \$4.5 million. The EDD interagency, some of the funds
- 18 have been offered up in our solicitation with other funding
- 19 and, in particular, some of the ARRA funding, and that has
- 20 resulted in six agreements with various educational
- 21 entities. And right now we are in the process of developing
- 22 an interagency agreement with EDP for \$6 million.
- We are working with our interagency agreement with
- 24 the Department of Food and Agriculture's Division of
- 25 Measurements and Standards for \$4 million to address

- 1 metering and fuel quality for Hydrogen, as well as for
- 2 biodiesel. The relevance of that is, in terms of Hydrogen
- 3 filling stations, currently an individual cannot purchase
- 4 Hydrogen fuel similar to how we do it for gasoline and for
- 5 diesel, and so the funds, or the work that the Division of
- 6 Measurements and Standards will be doing will allow
- 7 consumers to basically purchase Hydrogen at public fueling
- 8 stations.
- 9 And then, lastly, we have encumbered a million
- 10 dollars in technical assistance for a variety of activities,
- 11 one being getting expert support in reviewing of proposals,
- 12 as well as providing technical assistance in terms of
- 13 troubleshooting of facilities that we have funded.
- 14 Around the time that the Investment Plan was
- 15 adopted, the Federal Government released solicitations from
- 16 funds for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the
- 17 ARRA Funding. We saw that as an opportunity to leverage our
- 18 funds in a significant manner. As a result of participating
- 19 in the ARRA process, California companies were awarded \$93.6
- 20 million in ARRA funds with a cost share from the Energy
- 21 Commission of \$36.2 million. In addition, there are other
- 22 cost shares from other entities of \$127.8 million.
- 23 Lastly, there were some California proposals that
- 24 were submitted without our match share, and that totaled
- 25 \$125.4 million.

1	This	is	а	table	that	shows	the	amount	of	monies

- 2 that were awarded from the various solicitations in ARRA in
- 3 the various categories such as transportation education,
- 4 Clean Cities, RFP which is more of a research and
- 5 demonstration program, advanced battery manufacturing, the
- 6 diesel and emission reduction solicitation, applied
- 7 research, the ticker, which is the transit fund, and also
- 8 integrated bio-refineries and then, finally, the Class A
- 9 trucks -- and, I am sorry, there is one last one which is a
- 10 funding effort with the National Labs in the area of algae.
- 11 We were moderately successful in transportation
- 12 education and Clean Cities. The area of most interest to us
- 13 was the advanced battery manufacturing and the integrative
- 14 bio-refinery, but we were not successful at all in those
- 15 areas. And the other thing, what I wanted to show was the
- 16 last column, we identified -- those are ARRA awards that did
- 17 not have AB 118 match. The results of the awards are that
- 18 there were a number of alternative fuel infrastructure
- 19 projects, as well as vehicles that will be funded. Within
- 20 California in terms of infrastructure, there are two LNG
- 21 filling stations and 30,191 electric charging points.
- 22 Outside of California, you can see that there were other
- 23 fuels that were funded in terms of infrastructure and, in an
- 24 area of vehicles, the fuels that I think were the winners
- 25 were natural gas and electric hybrid vehicle technologies.

1	The	additional	solicitations	that we	are

- 2 undertaking to encumber the remaining of the \$176 million,
- 3 currently we have solicitations that were released and, on
- 4 January 25<sup>th</sup>, proposals were submitted to us and we are in
- 5 the process of reviewing those proposals now. The total,
- 6 about 126 proposals, again, I think in terms of ARRA, one of
- 7 the takeaways from that was we were surprised, positively
- 8 surprised, at the number of proposals and projects that are
- 9 out there looking for funding.
- 10 The first of the three solicitations is the
- 11 biomethane production. We have identified up to \$21.5
- 12 million available for funding. Of that solicitation, there
- 13 were 24 projects that were submitted for requesting a total
- 14 of \$144.9 million. The second solicitation was the medium-
- 15 and heavy-duty advanced vehicle demonstration solicitation.
- 16 We had identified up to \$9.5 million. We received 50
- 17 proposals requesting about \$147.6 million. In the medium-
- 18 and heavy-duty vehicle solicitation, it is not just hybrids
- 19 or efficiency technology; it does include all the
- 20 alternative fuels. The last solicitation that we received
- 21 proposals on was the alternative fueling infrastructure. We
- 22 have identified \$13.8 million available for funding. We
- 23 received 52 proposals totaling \$74.4 million. Again, there
- 24 are multiple fuel types that were eligible, in particular,
- 25 it is Ethanol, electric, and natural gas.

1	We are in the process of developing and releasing
2	solicitations in these other categories. We are looking at
3	releasing a solicitation of Hydrogen filling stations for
4	\$22 million. We also have three solicitations that we are
5	working with the State Treasurer's Office to also administe:
6	some of the funds. One of them is what we are calling the
7	New Fuel Production Plant; those are basically bio-refinery
8	plants, and the purpose of that really is to try to better
9	utilize our in-state biomass waste resources. The second
10	solicitation we are working on with the Treasurer's Office
11	is the manufacturing incentives. For the most part, those
12	probably would be advanced technology, but, in particular,
13	electric vehicle and electric component manufacturing
14	facilities. And then, the last one is for existing Ethanol
15	facilities to provide a production incentive to allow them
16	to start operating and producing in-state Ethanol. For
17	these three, the primary reason we are working with the
18	State Treasurer's Office is their ability to provide loans
19	to the project proponents. In the new fuel production
20	plants and the manufacturing centers solicitations, there
21	will be a combination of grants and loans that would be
22	funded for projects that would be for pre-production
23	demonstration, as well as revenue generating proposals.
24	Other solicitations that we are working on are we
25	are looking to send out a solicitation for propane school

- 1 buses. In addition, an RFP, a competitive solicitation to
- 2 establish a Center of Excellence in the area of medium- and
- 3 heavy-duty advanced vehicles. And then, in addition, we are
- 4 developing a project with the FEB Research Center to look at
- 5 the plug-in hybrid retrofit projects. And then, finally, we
- 6 have about \$2 million that we want to fund various
- 7 sustainability studies and, in particular, in the forestry
- 8 area. And that concludes sort of the status of our efforts
- 9 to award the \$176 million of the first Investment Plan.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Folks, if you have any
- 11 questions of Chuck, now would be a good time to raise them.
- 12 Bonnie?
- MS. HOLMES-GEN: Yeah, I am just curious if you
- 14 could clarify where you have moved funding between
- 15 categories from where the Investment Plan had targeted
- 16 funding, you know, where you have shifted funding around and
- 17 where it has gone.
- MR. MIZUTANI: I can, but it might be better if I
- 19 sort of provided -- if I had time to produce a document that
- 20 would show that. There has been movement, but --
- 21 MS. HOLMES-GEN: I mean, is it -- Hydrogen is one
- 22 key area?
- MR. MIZUTANI: Hydrogen is one, but, in addition,
- 24 on the ARRA, we received awards or those projects received
- 25 awards and they are in the process of contract negotiations

- 1 now. And there may be movement in those projects, so there
- 2 are going to be some modifications as time goes by.
- 3 MS. HOLMES-GEN: Can you just give some general
- 4 comment on, you know, when funding was moved, for example
- 5 with Hydrogen or with some of the ARRA projects, then what
- 6 has been the impetus for shifting the categories, or
- 7 shifting from the original targets?
- 8 MR. MIZUTANI: For Hydrogen, we looked at the
- 9 OEM's proposed roll-outs and basically tried to match the
- 10 building needs with the roll-outs and, as it turns out, the
- 11 numbers have been revised downward and so we are looking at
- 12 probably a lesser need right now of these for Hydrogen
- 13 fueling stations, so that is one example. In terms of ARRA,
- 14 there are in the negotiations some of the proposers may not
- 15 be able to come to an agreement with DOE or the Federal
- 16 Government in terms of the negotiations. And if that
- 17 happens, if they cannot, then that money is sort of
- 18 available, if you will.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Jan, I think you were next.
- 20 MS. SHARPLESS: Thanks. It kind of goes along
- 21 with Bonnie's question, but slightly different. I am having
- 22 a little bit of a difficult time, and perhaps this is
- 23 another question that will be hard to answer at this point,
- 24 I am trying to track the money. I do not know what part of
- 25 it is loans, what part of it is grants, what part of it is

- 1 revolving loans, so it is hard to know what the status of
- the fund is right at this point, even, let alone what it 2
- might be at the beginning of the next round, 2010-2011
- Fiscal cycle. Is there some way -- I mean, even just 4
- 5 generally, Chuck, of telling us broad percentages maybe, or
- 6 how you even determine which Fiscal mechanisms you are using
- 7 in which programs, that some are more likely to be grant
- 8 programs, some are more likely to be loan programs, some are
- 9 more likely to be revolving -- whatever your -- do you have
- 10 that information?
- 11 MR. MIZUTANI: So in terms of the snapshot,
- 12 basically the interagencies are funds that have been
- 13 encumbered. There have only been a couple of sort of
- 14 results from the use of those monies, one is the Department
- 15 of General Services retrofits of the Toyota Priuses, and the
- 16 other one is initially --
- 17 MS. SHARPLESS: Was that a loan program?
- 18 MR. MIZUTANI: No, that was a grant. For the most
- 19 part, all of our funds or solicitations will probably be
- 20 grants, with the exception of the three that I mentioned
- 21 with the Treasurer's Office.
- 22 MS. SHARPLESS: And they are the loans?
- MR. MIZUTANI: Those are loans. And in those 23
- 24 three solicitations, what I said was there is a combination
- 25 of grants and loans. The grants, we will administer, and

- 1 those would be for feasibility studies or demonstration
- 2 projects. Loans, we would identify if a proposal really is
- 3 going to be a revenue generating -- we think the more
- 4 appropriate mechanism will be a loan mechanism. And those
- 5 would be administered by the Treasurer's Office just because
- 6 they have the ability, the experience, and the capability to
- 7 sort of manage those types of projects. And it is not
- 8 necessarily the project, but rather it is the funding
- 9 mechanism that they would be doing.
- MS. SHARPLESS: Do you know at this point what
- 11 percentage in the program would be for grants vs. loans, you
- 12 know the programs -- 60 percent grants, 40 percent loans, so
- 13 we know where the money might be coming back into the
- 14 program?
- 15 MR. MIZUTANI: About a third of the funds right
- 16 now, at least identified as possible loans, but again, it is
- 17 going to be dependent upon the proposals that come into
- 18 these three solicitations.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Roland?
- 20 MR. COLEMAN: Chuck, this is Will Coleman on the
- 21 phone. Is there a reason why it is just grants and loans?
- 22 Is there a structural reason for that?
- MR. MIZUTANI: No. If there are other mechanisms
- 24 or other, well, other mechanisms within the statutes, we
- 25 definitely would be very interested in hearing about that.

1 N	MR.	COLEMAN:	There	is	а	number	out	there	that

- 2 they have used in other settings; I am just curious if there
- 3 was a restriction there, but we can talk about that later.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Roland?
- 5 MR. HWANG: Thank you, Commissioner Boyd. And
- 6 first of all, Chuck, and the rest of the Energy Commission
- 7 staff and the Commissioners, I want to congratulate you in
- 8 getting some of this money out, I know it has been a very
- 9 tough environment and a lot of things have been changing.
- 10 And a lot of us who work very hard on the legislation are
- 11 very appreciative of the fact that we are finally starting
- 12 to see some of this money flow to the actual recipients who
- 13 are going to make some of this low carbon future happen.
- 14 Having said that, I want to raise a question that has come
- 15 up within my organization and try to figure out the
- 16 relationship between this program and the other activities
- 17 going on at their sister agency, the Air Resources Board.
- 18 Commissioner Eggert mentioned the fact that the AB 118
- 19 programs, the context of these other programs, certainly the
- 20 AB 1493, certain the Zero Emission Vehicle Program, and
- 21 certainly the Low Carbon Fuel Standards, also. So my
- 22 question, very specifically, and I know this is a little
- 23 awkward a question to raise in this context, but we do have
- 24 three lawsuits against your sister agency, the California
- 25 Air Resources Board, and the Low Carbon Fuel Standard. On a

- 1 previous slide, you showed potential solicitations and
- 2 agreements, and we were looking at new production plants,
- 3 and Ethanol production incentives. I have no indication
- 4 right now that there is a such an issue or a conflict, but
- 5 the question I have for the Commission and general state
- 6 policy is we clearly do not want to be working at programs
- 7 and agencies working across purposes, and so the question I
- 8 raise specifically is, does the Energy Commission, or the
- 9 State, in general, have a policy about grant recipients of
- 10 State money to participants in active litigation against
- 11 California's air pollution laws, or other laws, as the case
- 12 may be? Again, I have no indication that there is such an
- 13 issue currently out there. I think with the SCAG Pearson,
- 14 the 85 issue, it was an unfortunate issue, I have no
- 15 indication, of course, that [inaudible] getting those
- 16 participants were involved in a lawsuit, but my question
- 17 very specifically is, is there a state policy, Energy
- 18 Commission policy, about recipients of state funding to
- 19 participants in active litigation against state air
- 20 pollution laws? And if not, should there be one, I guess,
- 21 is a question.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BOYD: I am sure the staff is
- 23 speechless at the moment. You honestly bring up a subject
- 24 that, to the best of my knowledge, has not been debated. It
- 25 is not a subject that we did not suddenly become aware of in

- 1 the last couple of weeks, but you bring up a good point. We
- 2 work very closely with our sister agency on the multiple
- 3 programs and how they tie together, but to the best of my
- 4 knowledge, we have not had a policy discussion relative to
- 5 what has just happened with regard to the suits, and you put
- 6 an interesting question on the table. Quite frankly, I
- 7 guess, we never anticipated this would be a bridge we would
- 8 have to cross, so we have not -- we did not, to date, even
- 9 put something like that in the plan. But interesting
- 10 dilemma. I do not know if Tom wants to add anything from
- 11 the standpoint of -- he would not dare.
- 12 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: Or, I guess one suggestion
- 13 could be to just take this issue under consideration and
- 14 perhaps consult with our legal staff, as well as the program
- 15 staff, but, yeah, and I guess the situation is not facing us
- 16 today, as you said. That is something definitely worth
- 17 thinking about.
- MR. HWANG: Yes, I would appreciate that. I think
- 19 it would be good to get ahead of the curve in case the
- 20 situation does come up. I would hate to see a cross
- 21 solicitation embroiled in a controversy associated with
- 22 this, you know, potential for a conflict. So much
- 23 appreciated if the Commission could look into this and tell
- 24 us if there is any other precedent here, or any other policy
- 25 or legal issues associated with this, it would be very

- 1 helpful.
- MS. SHARPLESS: Commissioner Boyd?
- 3 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Yes, Jan.
- 4 MS. SHARPLESS: Along those lines, it might be
- 5 interesting, since you are leveraging money, to see what the
- 6 public policies are in a similar arena, as some of this
- 7 money is being leveraged and if any have conflicting
- 8 policies, or similar policies. I do not know what
- 9 [inaudible]. Thanks.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Yeah, and interesting. I will
- 11 not speculate about the federal reaction to all of this
- 12 might be, not having heard one yet, I will not even dare
- 13 speculate. John?
- MR. SHEARS: Then I guess that kind of segues into
- 15 the question that I had which was, you know, I too would
- 16 like to give kudos to the staff and to the Commission for
- 17 all the hard work and for getting the program out and
- 18 rolling. And the question that I have, Chuck, you gave us
- 19 the breakdown across all the different tranches for where we
- 20 had state funding, and where we were successful in garnering
- 21 federal funding, and I am just wondering if you had like the
- 22 two kernel numbers for, you know, we had \$176 million that
- 23 we are hoping to deploy through the first round of the
- 24 Investment Plan; what is the total amount of federal funds
- 25 that we have been able to garner so far on that?

- 1 MR. MIZUTANI: There is a line -- for the federal,
- 2 it is a total of \$93.6 million under the ARRA -- there is a
- 3 line missing on this table, it would have shown the \$93.6
- 4 under the ARRA column. In terms of the 118, it is \$36.2
- 5 million.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BOYD: John, does that give you
- 7 enough information? You have to do a little calculating on
- 8 your own.
- 9 MR. SHEARS: Yeah, I am just curious, again, there
- 10 is so much federal stimulus activity out there, we are also
- 11 still hoping to leverage some of the other programs, and do
- 12 we have a sense of what might potentially out there that we
- 13 are going to be trying to leverage? Or --
- 14 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Chuck, I do recall you
- 15 mentioned some of the most recent federal proposals. I
- 16 guess the question is what are the plans to try to use 118
- 17 money to leverage against them?
- MR. MIZUTANI: Truthfully, it was a painful
- 19 process in competing for ARRA funds. And the likelihood
- 20 that we would be successful, I think, would be probably
- 21 similar to what our success rate on those solicitations that
- 22 we did compete on. But right now, what we are doing is we
- 23 are basically putting together solicitations ready for our
- 24 -- just ARRA funds, and with cost share from the applicants
- 25 or the proposers.

l COMMISSIONER	EGGERT: And	, Chuck	just to	clarify
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- 2 -- I guess my interpretation, looking at this chart, is
- 3 that, you know, where we were successful as a state, you
- 4 know, we were also successful in leveraging AB 118 funds, so
- 5 for things like Clean Cities and transportation
- 6 electrification, and is it correct to say that it is the \$36
- 7 million of 118 funds leveraged, about \$93 million in the
- 8 ARRA awards, and then for a total of \$127 million of both
- 9 federal and private funds?
- 10 MR. MIZUTANI: Yeah.
- 11 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: Is that -- okay. So for
- 12 those particular programs, I would say we were quite
- 13 successful. For some of the other programmatic areas like
- 14 advanced battery manufacturing, the state, I do not think,
- 15 got hardly anything, and therefore there was no money to
- 16 match on those programs, as well.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Pete?
- MR. PRICE: I have a question that I think goes
- 19 back to what Bonnie was asking, and this may be captured in
- 20 the discussion of the new Investment Plan because it deals
- 21 with that, as well. But you know, in the text of the new
- 22 Investment Plan, I think I was able to ferret out how much
- 23 money from the current plan had been spent and how much had
- 24 not been spent, but my question is, it seems it would be
- 25 helpful to have just a simple table with the first

- 1 Investment Plan and the second Investment Plan, and showing
- 2 how much of the funds from the first Investment Plan was
- 3 either spent or, if not, is it rolling over and creating
- 4 part of the total we now see in the second Investment Plan?
- 5 Or is all the money in the new Investment Plan "new" money
- 6 because these are fee-generated, it keeps rolling in? So
- 7 just a '08 through '10, and a '10-'11 comparison would be
- 8 helpful.
- 9 MR. MIZUTANI: Okay, just a note, Pete. The \$108
- 10 million in this Investment Plan is new, it is not -- it does
- 11 not contain any of the 2008 monies.
- MR. PRICE: Right. What -- understood, but we
- 13 have not -- certainly have not spent all the money from the
- 14 first Investment Plan, so that is what I am wondering, how
- 15 that is being accounted for.
- 16 MR. MIZUTANI: Right, point well taken.
- MR. PRICE: Yeah, okay.
- 18 MR. EMMETT: There is a table in your presentation
- 19 where it lays out the funding for the first Investment Plan.
- 20 That would definitely benefit by a second column that just
- 21 showed the anticipated allocation by the end of this
- 22 Investment Plan. So I am not sure if that is something we
- 23 could see today after a break or something, or if we can see
- 24 at a later date, but that, I agree, would be helpful.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Anthony and I were just

- 1 talking, I mean, we have seen said tables internally and I
- 2 would think the staff could generate something and have it
- 3 available during the course of this meeting. I am a little
- 4 surprised, frankly, that we do not have this side by side
- 5 comparison that we have talked about internally, and deal
- 6 with internally quite a bit. Building on -- I mean, just
- 7 from the perspective of the Commissioners on the Committee,
- 8 and kind of speaking to Pete's issue, the first Investment
- 9 Plan monies are all, you know, programmed to be utilized and
- 10 spent, there is no roll-over, as Chuck said, that what we
- 11 are looking at now is the next tranche of money that the
- 12 budget request calls for. And because we have the benefit
- 13 of a two-year encumbrance period, which is atypical in state
- 14 government, you know, we do not have to play the roll-over
- 15 game, etc., etc. So we are going to make sure that all the
- 16 money that has been budgeted does get spent. I am sure some
- 17 of the staff's difficulty with answering some of the
- 18 questions, same difficulty we have had internally, is the
- 19 delay caused by trying to figure out how to match -- provide
- 20 match for ARRA dollars, and the slow process of the federal
- 21 system in, you know, making their proposals such that we can
- 22 figure out how to do the match, which has left us farther
- 23 behind schedule than we would like to be. Sometimes I
- 24 wonder if the juice was worth the squeeze in terms of the
- 25 delay we purposely put in place to try to maximize the ARRA

- 1 dollars was worth it, but I quess we did get dollars; we had
- 2 great disappointments, and we did not like the rumors
- 3 swirling around Washington about "California being bankrupt,
- 4 so don't rely on them," but nonetheless, you know, I think
- 5 you could almost correlate that discussion with where there
- 6 are some goose eggs in some of the columns, but I cannot
- 7 prove any of what I just said, but I can feel it in my gut.
- 8 In any event, as far as we know on policy perspective, and
- 9 Chuck, Peter, Mike, anybody can jump to this, you know, all
- 10 the money that was scheduled in the Investment Plan is going
- 11 to get out the door in the time required to see that the
- 12 money does not fall by the wayside. And secondly, just,
- 13 again, staff can generate a table, I mean, we look at this
- 14 quite often, and oftentimes I have wondered were we straying
- 15 significantly from the original Investment Plan that you all
- 16 saw and that the Commission adopted, you know, are we badly
- 17 straying, or straying very much, in order to do this ARRA
- 18 match? And quite frankly, my recollection -- and I guess if
- 19 we get a chart today, hopefully it confirms what I am about
- 20 to say -- but my recollection is that, categorically, other
- 21 than Hydrogen, there was not a significant -- or there was
- 22 not much of any straying from the original amounts that were
- 23 shown in the Investment Plan, but hopefully staff will make
- 24 an honest person out of me by producing a report that says
- 25 that. The only thing I know the report will show is that

- 1 some of the Hydrogen money was, therefore, moved to other
- 2 categories where there was a greater opportunity to get the
- 3 money used right away while we and the Air Board struggled
- 4 mightily ever since we last met in this room to ascertain
- 5 where the Hydrogen program is going, and how fast it is
- 6 going to materialize, and so on and so forth, which led to
- 7 the final recommendation for this year, not to say there is
- 8 not money as you see in the plan for future years in that
- 9 area, but I do not want to get ahead of the later discussion
- 10 about the next plan. But can I get a head shake from Chuck,
- 11 Leslie, Mike, Peter, somebody, that indeed we can produce
- 12 the side-by-side chart real quick? Probably just pull it
- 13 off your computer somewhere. All right, I got a lot of head
- 14 shakes. Tom?
- 15 MR. CACKETTE: Well, that is exactly what I know
- 16 we were looking for, and if you could go back to the third
- 17 slide of your presentation, the summary of -- go back -- it
- 18 is the one that shows the allocation plan the first year --
- 19 yeah, that. I guess to put a fine point on it, I understand
- 20 and appreciate the fact that this is in transition and that
- 21 you do not know exactly what is going to happen with the
- 22 ARRA readjustment and with the results of the solicitation,
- 23 but the information I would like would be two more columns
- 24 on this chart, the second column would be what has been
- 25 spent so far for each one of those categories, and you could

- 1 define "spent," I do not know what that means, whether it is
- 2 your solicitation, or actually committed, or whatever, but
- 3 where you are planning from the existing solicitations to
- 4 spend the money; and then, for the money that is leftover,
- 5 where do you think it will go. That money, I think, has to
- 6 be committed by the end of the fiscal year, right? Or only
- 7 part of it?
- 8 MR. MIZUTANI: Seventy-five.
- 9 MR. CACKETTE: So where you think it is going to
- 10 go. That would give us, you know, sort of the projected end
- 11 point for the first Investment Plan, so that we could see
- 12 what really has changed and if it is what you said changed,
- 13 it will be pretty much the same. But I guess that was one
- 14 of -- that seemed like a very critical piece of information
- 15 that we do not have. But, for me, that simple table would
- 16 solve the problem.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BOYD: John, or Pete, let me give
- 18 someone a chance who has not had a chance to say something.
- 19 MR. COOPER: Peter Cooper with California Labor
- 20 Federation. I am also active with the Green Economic
- 21 Stimulus Coalition, which is a group of labor, environmental
- 22 and community groups looking at stimulus money. And, for
- 23 both groups, I can say that we were very pleased with the
- 24 way the Energy Commission had an open process and has been
- 25 able to leverage some of the work force and job training

- 1 money with 118, with some of the programs that are effective
- 2 here in the state. So just kind of kudos and I appreciate
- 3 the open process in that regard. I do have one comment to
- 4 build on something that Roland had mentioned regarding how
- 5 funding is used and policies going forward, given that this
- 6 is a multi-year program. I just kind of wanted to put this
- 7 on the table as something to consider in the next coming
- 8 weeks for the Advisory Committee. Is there a policy, is
- 9 there language in the plan regarding applicants that come
- 10 back to the Energy Commission requesting additional funding?
- 11 I think it would be worthwhile to consider requiring such
- 12 applicants to -- and they maybe already do, you can probably
- 13 let me know -- describe how they have used the money, you
- 14 know, how they have been accountable for the funding that
- 15 has been provided to them. So I just wanted to put that on
- 16 the table for further discussion later on.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Chuck, would you want to
- 18 respond to any of that, or table it for the later on
- 19 discussion?
- 20 MR. MIZUTANI: Late on, in terms of any grant
- 21 agreement or contract agreement, that is one of the sort of
- 22 deliverables is what was the results of the funds, you know,
- 23 was it successful and what could we learn from it. So that
- 24 typically is one of the things that we would require in
- 25 terms of closing out a contract.

COMMISSIONE	ER BOYD:	John.	And	folks	on	the	phone.
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- 2 you are going to have to chime in because there is no way
- 3 for me to tell if you have got your hands raised or not, so
- 4 feel free. We will accommodate anybody out there on the
- 5 Advisory Committee who wants to ask a question. John
- 6 Shears.
- 7 MR. SHEARS: Yeah, I was not sure if I should
- 8 raise this point or, when we move forward, to talk about the
- 9 2010-2011 Investment Plan, but I know the Energy Commission
- 10 and the Committee and all of the stakeholders are all
- 11 working together and going through sort of a learning
- 12 process and I just was curious, I noticed that in the first
- 13 round of solicitations, you know, there were 14 criteria
- 14 that were used to evaluate the proposals and, by my
- 15 calculations, you know, to go with the nomenclature in the
- 16 proposal guidelines, the sustainability evaluation criteria
- 17 in the first round of solicitations accounted for 50 percent
- 18 of the proposal scoring, and that the new round of
- 19 solicitations that went out in November, it seems like the
- 20 sustainability, greenhouse gas, and environmental criteria
- 21 have dropped to -- depending on how you slice and dice and
- 22 how you use the weighting factors or not -- 20-24 percent at
- 23 a minimum, somewhere maybe slightly above that when you
- 24 factor in some of the other criteria have some environmental
- 25 aspects, and I was just curious as to what thinking was

1	involved	in	making	those	adjustments	because	I	think,	goin	q

- 2 forward, when we talk about the 2010-2011, and the ongoing
- 3 program, I think we are going to want to think about any of
- 4 these kinds of adjustments and possibly even a strategy for
- 5 how those criteria are used as projects mature. So I do not
- 6 know if that is germane now, or if we should tee that up to
- 7 discuss a little bit later, but I just wanted to raise that.
- 8 MR. MIZUTANI: Jennifer Allen will address that.
- 9 MS. ALLEN: On the first solicitation, the
- 10 technical portion of the criteria was based on whatever the
- 11 Feds were requiring for technical. So our solicitation
- 12 appeared to be skewed heavily on the sustainability, just
- 13 because we were relying on the technical portion to be
- 14 whatever the Feds required. I will guarantee you that you
- 15 will never see another solicitation like that again, so from
- 16 the -- now our solicitations have our own technical portion
- 17 associated with it. So it appears as if the sustainability
- 18 portion is now a smaller percentage of the entire criteria
- 19 because we have our own technical in the solicitations going
- 20 forward. In that very first one that was tied to ARRA
- 21 funding, because we were tying to solicitations prior to
- 22 them coming out, we had no idea what the technical
- 23 requirements were going to be. We basically just said,
- 24 "Here is our criteria that are going to be overlapping and
- 25 superimposed on the Federal technical criteria, " and that is

- 1 why it appears to be skewed.
- 2 MR. COLEMAN: This is Will Coleman. And just to
- 3 follow-up on that question a little bit and tie it back to
- 4 the evaluation, you know, I agree with the folks who would
- 5 like to see a tracking of the dollars, that would be nice.
- 6 But in terms of going one level deeper, is there a score
- 7 carding system that we can see, or that is being used to
- 8 evaluate the impact of the dollars as they go out? So, I
- 9 would imagine the criteria is the front-end filter, but on
- 10 the back-end, it would be nice to see if we had some sense
- 11 of the efficiency of the dollars going out, so what kinds of
- 12 private investment has been leveraged, but also on the
- 13 sustainability issues whether it is carbon reductions or
- 14 anything else, what the impact has been. Is that something
- 15 that is part of the process already or could be developed?
- 16 MR. MIZUTANI: In terms of the scoring criteria,
- 17 part of that is what we score on; in going forward, once we
- 18 have an award, there will be a negotiated contract, we will
- 19 be identifying sort of data that the project proponent would
- 20 have to either collect and provide to us in order for us to
- 21 ascertain the progress and success of the project.
- MR. COLEMAN: And what are the metrics that that
- 23 is typically based on?
- MR. MIZUTANI: Well, the first one, it would be in
- 25 terms of what the output would be from the project, so if it

- 1 is gallons dispensed, or the number of vehicles used, or
- 2 miles driven, we would probably use that as one of the
- 3 markers in terms of how much money was being provided. In
- 4 addition, you know, there are other markers such as
- 5 emissions and things like that.
- 6 MR. COLEMAN: I think at some point it would be --
- 7 I do not know exactly how that would roll up, but it would
- 8 be nice to be able to see that evaluation, so not on an
- 9 obviously project-by-project basis, but just on a roll up
- 10 basis in terms of the impact of the dollars going out the
- 11 door and the effectiveness of those dollars.
- 12 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: So I quess maybe to
- 13 translate that, for example, is there an expectation as part
- 14 of the reporting requirement of the use of the funds, that
- 15 there be sort of an as-built assessment of actual greenhouse
- 16 gas emissions reduced, or fuel saved, specifically -- in a
- 17 quantitative sense.
- MR. MIZUTANI: Specifically on certain greenhouse
- 19 gas emissions, since that is the purpose of the program,
- 20 that definitely is going to be information that would be
- 21 tracking and required of the project proponent -- before as
- 22 well as after.
- 23 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: John.
- MR. SHEARS: Just a follow-up, because I am not
- 25 quite sure about the mechanics again on the shift and the

1	scoring.	So,	granted,	the	hope	was	to	qet	а	lot	of	matching

- 2 federal funds and -- but I am still not guite sure how, you
- 3 know, if the Energy Commission had 50 percent of the
- 4 criteria or the scoring for the proposals being related to
- 5 environmental performance criteria, I am still not quite
- 6 sure what the mechanics -- how the mechanics on that relates
- 7 to the drop-down when it goes to a completely non-leveraged
- 8 round of funding. Are you saying that -- so 50 percent of
- 9 it was if you managed to get federal funds, you got through
- 10 the door, and then from this it seems like you had these
- 11 other 50 percent that were now Energy Commission criteria,
- 12 and so if you got above 20 percent to get the 70 percent
- 13 score, or whatever, en toto, then you were in? Or I am not
- 14 quite sure how that relates to them dropping it down to 24
- 15 percent in an Energy Commission only context.
- 16 MS. ALLEN: The percentages are an artifact
- 17 because what we did was we had regulatory requirements that
- 18 said a project had to meet one or more of certain things.
- 19 We knew that those regulatory requirements were not going to
- 20 be involved with the scoring criteria that the Feds were
- 21 going to be putting out with their solicitations. So what
- 22 we did is we just made sure that our scoring criteria had
- 23 what our regulatory requirements were. As far as the
- 24 technical portion of the project, whether or not it was
- 25 technically feasible, whether or not it made sense

- 1 economically, whether that the company was sound, we relied
- 2 on the federal solicitation and the federal criteria to weed
- 3 those parts out. And so all we did was we superimposed our
- 4 regulatory requirements on top of the Feds' scoring
- 5 criteria. That is why it appears, percentage-wise, to be
- 6 very high, but that is an artifact of us just focusing on
- 7 what we had to accomplish with AB 118 funds. Now, from
- 8 going forward, our new solicitations, we are having to also
- 9 now look at all of the things that we relied on the Feds for
- 10 in the previous solicitation. We have gone back to our
- 11 standard operating procedure, which is we look at the
- 12 company, we look at the technical aspects of the project, we
- 13 look at all of these things that we normally would have
- 14 covered. So the ARRA solicitation was unique and it was
- 15 very -- the solicitation was very specific to a situation in
- 16 which we were basically piggybacking on Federal
- 17 solicitations.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Jan.
- 19 MR. SHEARS: Okay, I will have to follow-up with
- 20 you because I am still not getting how the filters worked on
- 21 this, so --
- MS. SHARPLESS: I think one of the messages of
- 23 this questioning is that, from someone who is trying to
- 24 apply for Federal money, or state money, it is very time
- 25 consuming and costly to put together a proposal and go

- 1 through the process. And when you put two governmental
- 2 processes together, it really does not surprise me that we
- 3 were as unsuccessful in some of those categories as we were.
- 4 And I think we would behoove maybe some back room discussion
- 5 about what the take home lessons were on why those were not
- 6 successful. In some states, they were, and here they were
- 7 not. But to an organization that is trying to get money out
- 8 the door, and looking at staff restrictions and limitations,
- 9 to be aware. And I think Chuck's answer to some of that
- 10 was, you know, is the juice worth the squeeze, basically,
- 11 because it takes a lot of time. And even after you are
- 12 granted, then you have to go through yet another
- 13 negotiation, and you have to go through accounting
- 14 procedures to make sure that you can account for the federal
- 15 and state money. So it is very difficult for people in the
- 16 outside world to come in and apply for this money, even
- 17 though it seems like there is money out there, you know, it
- 18 is -- you have to kind of judge whether or not you are going
- 19 to be successful at getting this money and if it is worth
- 20 it. But to the other point of criteria, I think if it is
- 21 loan program, there is a different set of criteria when you
- 22 are looking at these programs about whether or not, you
- 23 know, you are going to get return on investment and those
- 24 kind of criteria. When it is a grant program, I think it is
- 25 a different set of criteria, but I do not hear the

- 2 are not asking those questions of the staff. But depending
- 3 on what the program is, and to the point, I mean, I totally
- 4 agree it is kind of confusing to figure out where we are and
- 5 how much we have, and how much we might have. But you have
- 6 to add on to that, you know, are we going to get some of it
- 7 back through some loan programs? Over what period of time?
- 8 What percentage of that is going to be part of the program?
- 9 Or is it all just going to go out the door as a grant and we
- 10 will just continue to have the \$100 million, \$100 million,
- 11 \$100 million? So it is kind of hard to react to it from my
- 12 level without more information.
- 13 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: Jan, you just brought up a
- 14 thought in my mind that, having been involved in this, it
- 15 seems like the only thing more difficult than giving away
- 16 money as a government agency is being the recipient of
- 17 government money. And then I guess I would invite any
- 18 comment in terms of what we might have learned from the ARRA
- 19 effort, in considering that there could be future Federal
- 20 stimulus solicitations, how we might apply that to the next
- 21 round.
- MR. MIZUTANI: My takeaway from this discussion is
- 23 that it would be a good idea to incorporate these types of
- 24 questions in coming back and showing what has happened with
- 25 the funds that we have spent, as well as not only to the

- 1 Advisory Committee and the Commissioners, but also as input
- 2 to the next Investment Plan. So the takeaway is basically
- 3 this would be a good thing to do in terms of evaluation,
- 4 program evaluation.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Roland.
- 6 MR. HWANG: Okay, just very quickly, I just want
- 7 to follow-up John's questioning about the scoring system. I
- 8 guess I am still very confused, and my understanding may be
- 9 not perfect, or I may not have my facts right, but I guess I
- 10 am a little confused about the scoring system because, from
- 11 what we had seen in the first solicitation, April  $22^{nd}$ , there
- 12 was a very elaborate scoring system which we actually liked
- 13 very much -- very elaborate, but a transparent system, less
- 14 subject than, I think, the current solicitation dated
- 15 November 25<sup>th</sup>. And, as John said, the net effect of these
- 16 solicitation changes in the scoring has been to diminish
- 17 greenhouse gas sustainability weighting; furthermore, I
- 18 think it also creates more subjectivity and I also think
- 19 that is an issue of transparency. I am not sure if
- 20 applicants can really understand how these things are going
- 21 to be scored. From our perspective, the original ARRA
- 22 solicitation scoring actually was something that we were
- 23 comfortable. The current, November 25<sup>th</sup>, scoring is
- 24 something which, as far as I am aware of, we had not been
- 25 consulted with -- my organization has not and we have been

- 1 working with Energy Commission staff -- in terms of the
- 2 changes between April and November. And there could be
- 3 excellent reasons for why the change occurred. I would say
- 4 that we prefer very strongly the April, the original ARRA
- 5 scoring. So I think -- it may be greatly appreciative --
- 6 and I do not understand why between ARRA, the original, from
- 7 our perspective, better scoring system, why we have come to
- 8 a system which seems from our perspective not nearly as good
- 9 for transparency and environmental sustainability of
- 10 greenhouse gases. So, I mean, one question or one request,
- 11 perhaps, would be just to kind of clarify what the facts
- 12 are, what the different systems are, what system are we
- 13 going to move forward with, because I guess we are not
- 14 comfortable with the scoring system of November 25<sup>th</sup>. But we
- 15 could be if we understood it better. I mean, could staff
- 16 come back this afternoon like they have with the
- 17 distribution of the funding, and better explain to us the
- 18 scoring systems -- the two scoring systems -- why they
- 19 changed? Because, from my perspective at least, these are
- 20 two very key aspects of the 118 program here, one is the
- 21 allocations, and this is something we talk about within the
- 22 Investment Plan, but from my perspective, the allocations
- 23 and the scoring system, combined, those two things combined
- 24 really are kind of the key elements of how this program is
- 25 going to apportion funding to the right kind of projects

- 1 from our original envisioning of the 118 legislation. I
- 2 think this is a very critical aspect, the scoring, I think
- 3 it is very critical to gain some transparency and also gain
- 4 some kind of understanding with the next round of
- 5 solicitations what the scoring system is going to look like,
- 6 and what is the opportunity for us to work with the staff to
- 7 look at reverting back to the April, quite frankly, the
- 8 April 2009 scoring system.
- 9 MR. MIZUTANI: I do not know if we would be
- 10 efficient enough to turn it around this afternoon, so an
- 11 alternative suggestion would be, if we could provide sort of
- 12 a write-up that describes both of them and, in addition, we
- 13 would be available for further discussion. But if that
- 14 would be satisfactory as an alternative?
- 15 MR. HWANG: As long as it happens very quickly, I
- 16 think that, you know, if you are not able to do that today,
- 17 if we could have a follow-up meeting very quickly on this
- 18 with the right folks at the table, we would be very
- 19 appreciative.
- 20 MR. SIMPSON: Would this be shared with all
- 21 committee members, this write-up on the sort of scoring
- 22 criteria?
- MR. MIZUTANI: Yes.
- MR. SIMPSON: By the way, this is Harry Simpson
- 25 with Simpson, Renewable Energy and California Biodiesel

- 1 Alliance. I would like to say I echo the comments made by
- 2 Roland and support those. And at some point, I do not know
- 3 if we could maybe have a quick review of what the primary
- 4 criteria were that were applied to the allocations of the
- 5 first Investment Plan and whether these will change, or what
- 6 criteria is being used in the second plan.
- 7 MR. MIZUTANI: I am sorry, there was a question of
- 8 me and I did not hear it.
- 9 MR. SIMPSON: My question is, could we review sort
- 10 of the criteria that have been applied, you know, just go
- 11 through how you guys -- what were the primary criteria that
- 12 was applied to determining the allocations between, you
- 13 know, electric drive, Hydrogen, Ethanol, etc., in the first
- 14 Investment Plan and in the second Investment Plan?
- MR. MIZUTANI: What was the criteria?
- MR. SIMPSON: Yeah, I mean, so, for example, you
- 17 know, the Draft 2010-11 plan, it states that the CALCARS
- 18 model was one of the core analyses used to determine the
- 19 Investment Plan for a possible scenario for introduction and
- 20 use of alternative and renewable fuels in advanced vehicle
- 21 technologies. But, you know, I see a disconnect, for
- 22 instance, between looking at getting alternative fuels and
- 23 renewable fuels into the market and looking at GHG intact
- 24 vs. the first Investment Plan on how things were actually
- 25 allocated. I mean, for instance, if you look at -- if GHG

- 1 reduction was a major determining criteria in the
- 2 allocations, you know, how does Hydrogen -- and I am using
- 3 prior to LCFS data for actual lifecycle carbon or GHG
- 4 reductions, you know, how does Hydrogen end up with 26
- 5 percent of the allocation in the first funding -- in the
- 6 first Investment Plan when it has got a lifecycle carbon
- 7 reduction of roughly -- I mean, it is showing on LCFS
- 8 according to CARB, it is 76 grams per mega joule, which off
- 9 of a petroleum base line of 94.7 or whatever it is, it is
- 10 not a hugely significant reduction relative to some of the
- 11 other categories.
- 12 MR. WARD: If I could comment, Mr. Simpson. In
- 13 establishing the --
- 14 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Who is speaking?
- 15 MR. WARD: Peter Ward, your Manager for AB 118.
- 16 We took a look at the goals we have for GHG reduction and
- 17 also the available opportunities for our funding. Those two
- 18 were meshed together to come up with the values that we have
- 19 with funding allocation. I would also like to address maybe
- 20 Roland's question briefly, we will get back to that in a
- 21 more detailed manner. I would like to say, we were catching
- 22 up with a train that was moving fairly quickly and the
- 23 Federal solicitation did not incorporate much of the
- 24 sustainability and other environmental criteria that are in
- 25 our statute. So we caught up with theirs and added ours

- 1 because they already had their technical review criteria
- 2 established. And it had to be successful at the Federal
- 3 level for us to fund it, to provide our matches. So, as we
- 4 go forward with our next solicitations and the ones that we
- 5 just received, it may appear to be lesser than that because
- 6 the Federal did not have any and we caught up with it, but
- 7 we have tried to be true to the statute in all the 11, 12
- 8 criteria that are in the statute, and include a guide to
- 9 criteria for that, for every solicitation and the weighting
- 10 therefore. So we are trying to be true to our origins and
- 11 not to the origins of the ARRA solicitations.
- MR. HWANG: I think that responds, Peter, and it
- 13 probably would be good if we could just follow-up with staff
- 14 --
- MR. WARD: Sure.
- 16 MR. HWANG: -- to have a more detailed discussion
- 17 because I think there is probably just a lack of
- 18 understanding on each side about what transpired and then
- 19 why the system looks like it currently does, and so maybe we
- 20 can reach a better understanding after more detailed
- 21 conversations, and we look forward to that.
- MR. WARD: Okay, and in answer to Mr. Simpson's
- 23 question, yes, we are trying to stay true to the purposes
- 24 and the primary goals of the program as we go forward. And
- 25 I think our share of solicitations reflect those criteria

- 1 that are in our statute better than the ARRA solicitations
- 2 did.
- MR. HWANG: Okay, we look forward to that
- 4 conversation to see how those match.
- 5 MR. COLEMAN: Brooke Coleman on the phone.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Yes, Brooke.
- 7 MR. COLEMAN: I have got a question for you, just
- 8 following up on this, but not in greater detail. It seems
- 9 there is concern about the formula for making decisions,
- 10 which, of course, has been applied to the DOE process, as
- 11 well, to ironically some of the concern about the criteria
- 12 for not receiving or receiving awards that DOE could
- 13 replicate itself here. Is there an opportunity and a remedy
- 14 for this to -- or a potential opportunity and a remedy for
- 15 this -- to spend some of the dollars, the 118 dollars, on
- 16 this process? In other words, creating not just a gap
- 17 analysis that I know TIAX did, but taking it a step further
- 18 and helping to -- or going through the process of creating a
- 19 formula or a metric and doing a tipping point analysis on
- 20 some of these options that we have, moving forward, so that
- 21 we can give applicants more guidance moving forward, as
- 22 opposed to allowing the applicant to sort of define what the
- 23 opportunities are.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Chuck, my initial reaction,
- 25 and both Commissioner Eggert and mine, are that, didn't that

- 1 end? Don't you have an expenditure program in the next
- 2 Investment Plan -- we are not there yet -- to do exactly
- 3 what I just heard from, well, in fact Commission Eggert is
- 4 pointing to page 79, the bullet in the middle of the page
- 5 that basically says all those things, so I think you can
- 6 respond yes, but I do not want to put things in your mouth.
- 7 MR. MIZUTANI: Yeah, there is, and I think one of
- 8 the discussions or comments that I think we were looking
- 9 for, also, are there other opportunities or other needs that
- 10 would improve the use of the funds. So this would be a good
- 11 example of that kind of comment or input.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Thank you. Bonnie and then
- 13 Pete.
- MS. HOLMES-GEN: Thanks, Commissioner Boyd. And
- 15 thank you for the helpful feedback on the scoring criteria
- 16 that I am hearing you say that you are trying to get back to
- 17 the criteria that was earlier adopted, so I appreciate that.
- 18 And if it is possible today, it would be helpful at some
- 19 point during the day just to get a sense if you are clear on
- 20 it, as to what percentage or what portion of the scoring --
- 21 what value would be given to the sustainability criteria in
- 22 those non-ARRA projects going forward, if that is possible.
- 23 I will check in with you later about that. And I just also
- 24 wanted to mention, there has been some discussion about
- 25 evaluation of projects that are being funded and I just

- 1 wanted to remind all of us that the Energy Commission,
- 2 according to the statute, is in the next year -- not this
- 3 year, but the next year -- going to be conducting an
- 4 evaluation of the projects that would include a listing of
- 5 the projects and the expected benefits of the projects in
- 6 terms of air quality, petroleum use reduction, greenhouse
- 7 gas emissions reductions, technology advancement, and
- 8 progress toward achieving benefits in all these areas, and
- 9 the overall contribution of the projects to our promoting
- 10 the transition that we all are desiring to see toward clean
- 11 alternative fuels and reduced petroleum dependency. So I
- 12 think this is a helpful process that was built into the law,
- 13 and since we have been discussing about how we are going to
- 14 be tracking these projects, I thought it would be helpful to
- 15 bring that up. I do not know if the Commission has any
- 16 comments on that, but that is supposed to be part of the
- 17 IEPR Report in 2011.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BOYD: I saw a head shaking from the
- 19 staff, but that does not register very loud, so if you could
- 20 just confirm yes?
- 21 MR. MIZUTANI: Yes, thank you, Bonnie, for
- 22 identifying that. We do for 2011 have to do a program
- 23 evaluation for the 2011 IEPR update, and there is a
- 24 possibility that, even beyond that, it would be a good thing
- 25 to have a program evaluation on an annual basis.

- 1 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Pete Price.
- 2 MR. PRICE: Two questions. Not going into the
- 3 criteria that the Feds use for ARRA funding, but I am just
- 4 curious because I have heard it said -- and I do not know if
- 5 this is the case -- that the Feds did overlay those criteria
- 6 with a -- I guess a proportionality test or something, in
- 7 other words, the money was going to be spread around the
- 8 country in some kind of rough proportion to population, or
- 9 some other metric. Is that the case? And my second
- 10 question is, I could be wrong, but I am assuming that
- 11 California is one of the very few states, but just
- 12 coincidentally while this ARRA funding was rolling out, was
- 13 putting up significant funds to promote alternative -- state
- 14 funds -- to promote alternative fuels. And I am wondering
- 15 if the Feds looked at that as a good thing and made it more
- 16 likely they liked our projects, or perversely said,
- 17 "California has got money, we are going to help the states
- 18 that do not," or were they indifferent to that?
- 19 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Mr. Ward, do you want to
- 20 venture into this one?
- 21 MR. WARD: Well, I think it might be said --
- 22 COMMISSIONER BOYD: But watch the profanity that
- 23 we all used inside the walls of this building as we wondered
- 24 if the juice was worth the squeeze, so to speak.
- MR. WARD: Yeah, I will try and give a calm

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- 2 evaluation of the proposals. I think in some cases they did
- 3 a fair and equitable job, you know, I think we stood a very
- 4 good chance of leveraging our funds for the firs time in
- 5 many many years that I am familiar with, we did have state
- 6 match. I think in some areas of the solicitations, it was,
- 7 as you say, possibly they were thinking, "Well, California
- 8 has money, let them go ahead and spend their money." In
- 9 other areas, I think it was completely disregarded. And it
- 10 is very very unfortunate, perhaps, in one of the largest
- 11 categories, and I think that was a mistake, or maybe an
- 12 error in their judgment. And whether or not ARRA funds were
- 13 solvent has come to light from some of the debriefings from
- 14 some of the ARRA participants that we were willing to
- 15 provide match to, they have confirmed that basically it was
- 16 disregarded, or ARRA funding was looked askance. I have to
- 17 say, I did not receive any phone calls inquiring from DOE or
- 18 any other federal agency as to whether or not our funding
- 19 was solvent. I certainly would be anxious to take those
- 20 calls, but they never came. As a matter of fact, we did not
- 21 get phone calls returned very often, so -- it is very
- 22 disconcerting as not only citizens of California, but a
- 23 citizen of the United States, that our efforts here were a
- 24 bit disregarded and, in some cases, totally disregarded.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BOYD: And we will not carry it much

- 1 further than this, but be assured that at the very highest
- 2 levels of this state, to very high levels in the Federal
- 3 Government, there were inquiries, if not protests lodged
- 4 about what went on. But be that as it may, we took what we
- 5 could get and then went back to, okay, let's get our way
- 6 behind schedule 118 program rolling with its, I thought,
- 7 better criteria and more meaningfulness to the state.
- 8 Frankly, one of my initial thoughts was to just flop down
- 9 the Investment Plan in front of the Secretary and say,
- 10 "There's \$176 million in here and there are a lot of rigid
- 11 programs, just match us dollar for dollar and set us loose
- 12 and we will deliver you a good program." But, no, we had to
- 13 go through all the hoops. And they had to invent hoops as
- 14 they were going along. Sometimes they wrote checks and
- 15 said, "Don't run with it because we haven't got the criteria
- 16 figured out yet," etc. etc. So, you know, I have gone
- 17 farther than I should have in a public forum, but we were
- 18 not, you know, this was not a happy place -- over the
- 19 incredible amount of work that this entailed. And Jan
- 20 Sharpless may be right that it may have frustrated a lot of
- 21 people. Although, quite frankly, we were heavily over-
- 22 subscribed in people willing to give us, you know, if we had
- 23 to deliver on all the potential commitments, we could not
- 24 have done it, but the Feds took care of that problem big
- 25 time. But in any event -- and I knew all this, you know,

- 1 that had transpired was going to complicate life in this
- 2 first meeting, most likely. And indeed that is true
- 3 because, you know, if we cannot figure out what is going on,
- 4 how can we expect you sometimes to figure out what is going
- 5 on when you volunteer your time to help us through this
- 6 process. So hopefully when we get around to discussing the
- 7 next Investment Plan, which will be 100 percent state
- 8 controlled, so to speak, we will get the train totally back
- 9 on the track it is intended to be on. I mean, we got more
- 10 money than we would have otherwise if had just said thanks,
- 11 but no thanks, as some states have done, but you can
- 12 understand why some people say, "We don't want anything to
- do with this Federal money, it is too complicated."
- MR. PRICE: Jim, can I just -- I did not hear
- 15 whether they were also using this rule of proportionality
- 16 around the spreading the money around.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BOYD: They would deny it. They did
- 18 deny it. You just pick up the paper and watch where money
- 19 was spread and that makes you curious, but they claim and
- 20 can prove, theoretically, a very allegedly transparent
- 21 evaluation system. We think we found some obvious and
- 22 sometimes purposeful glitches in it, but so be it. We have
- 23 registered our feelings and that is that. Maybe somebody
- 24 else got some positive results out of our concerns. Peter.
- MR. COOPER: Yes, I just had a question. If the

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- 2 dispersion, and if there is a breakdown by different regions
- 3 in California, how the funds were awarded, I think that
- 4 would be useful to look at, you know, at the very beginning
- 5 of the 2010-2011 document, there is a reference to the next
- 6 '10 report, which I thought was very useful. And I would
- 7 just like to compare some of the areas where they see
- 8 potential for economic development region by region
- 9 throughout the state with how we are doing as far as this AB
- 10 118 funding program. Is that something that is available?
- 11 MR. MIZUTANI: It is not available, but we do have
- 12 in terms of the ARRA awards, we have a general location, a
- 13 regional location for the various projects. But we have not
- 14 overlaid that on the sort of economic zones or anything like
- 15 that.
- 16 MR. WARD: In the discussions I have had with the
- 17 Federal Government, they contend that they evenly
- 18 distributed funding across the country. That may not be my
- 19 conclusion, but it is definitely what they have responded.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Shannon.
- 21 MS. SHARPLESS: To Peter's point -- Peter Cooper -
- 22 in reading the document, the Investment Plan, you could
- 23 glean from certain parts of the narrative, although it was
- 24 not put together in such a way that you could -- I mean, you
- 25 needed a piece of paper to try to keep sort of track of what

- 1 was speculative and then what was definitive, and that is
- 2 one of the issues that I have with this report, it is kind
- 3 of in some cases, and I think Tom said, it is a fishing
- 4 expedition, and in other cases there is greater specificity
- 5 and definition, so it is really sort of hard to track what
- 6 we might be talking about in the 2010. But, Chuck, to
- 7 Peter's point, it would seem like in some areas we know that
- 8 vehicles are being delivered mainly in the Southern
- 9 California area, and therefore that would mean that this
- 10 money, grant money, would be going down from rebates for
- 11 certain types of vehicles that were being delivered there,
- 12 whereas some of the infrastructure stuff that is happening
- 13 in Northern California because of some of the Clean Cities
- 14 stuff. Is there any way to kind of graph that out? Is that
- 15 getting up to even --
- 16 MR. COOPER: Yes, there is a little bit of that in
- 17 some parts of the report, but there is not one table, one
- 18 kind of aggregate overview, which would be helpful for
- 19 probably some of the people -- for the public and also for
- 20 some of the advisory members.
- 21 MR. MIZUTANI: Jan and Peter, if that -- we could
- 22 do what Jan was suggesting. Again, it would not be this
- 23 afternoon, but we could provide that sort of visual or
- 24 mapping for the ARRA projects. But to just let you know, on
- 25 some of the projects, they were not very specific in terms

- 2 are not going to get crystal clear clarity in terms of the
- 3 placement of the various vehicles or filling stations.
- 4 MR. COOPER: All right, thank you. I will follow-
- 5 up with you.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BOYD: All right, Shannon. But let
- 7 me just say one thing. I appreciate Peter's earlier
- 8 compliments to the staff about the workforce training part
- 9 of this thing because that was one of the early starts and
- 10 staff worked very hard to help educate some of the people
- 11 out there on how to even make these solicitations and how to
- 12 form groups that should come together to make those
- 13 solicitations, so a huge effort was put into that, and to us
- 14 that was one of our prouder moments in this whole thing, the
- 15 workforce development and educational component that moved
- 16 so early and seemed so logical in these recessionary times,
- 17 and the whole economic stimulus area. And I do know, as we
- 18 debated and discussed, you know, we found holes in the state
- 19 where people were not responding and encouraged people to
- 20 respond, and sometimes they were able to, and sometimes
- 21 local folks just were not able to get it together, and so
- 22 lessons learned, and that was not just limited to this
- 23 agency -- all the agencies involved in that activity
- 24 benefitted. And this was an example of an area where I saw
- 25 my pet peeve of agencies not working well together totally

- 1 turned on its head, because there was an incredible
- 2 cooperative effort amongst all the agencies to get involved
- 3 in those kinds of activities, and this whole effort has done
- 4 that -- the flip side is, it has been horribly consumptive
- 5 of the limited resources that all the agencies have in light
- 6 of furloughs and Furlough Fridays, and everything else.
- 7 But, in any event, Shannon now finally you get to --
- 8 MS. BAKER BROWNSTETTER: I have a very specific
- 9 question that is a little bit different from some of the
- 10 prior discussion. For both the ARRA funding and the AB 118
- 11 funding for electric infrastructure, what percentage of that
- 12 has gone to residential infrastructure for electric
- 13 vehicles?
- MR. MIZUTANI: Off-hand, I could not tell you.
- 15 MS. BAKER BROWNSTETTER: Is it any? I mean, is it
- 16 half? Just a ballpark would be great.
- MR. MIZUTANI: Well, the primary one in terms of
- 18 ARRA was the E-Tech Nissan Proposal, and I would imagine
- 19 that, with the number of charging stations that it would be
- 20 a combination of both residential and public, but I cannot
- 21 say for certain.
- MS. BAKER BROWNSTETTER: And then of the AB 118,
- 23 we are specifically dedicated to residential charging
- 24 stations?
- MR. MIZUTANI: No, it is one of -- I mean, both

- 1 public and home charging would be available for our current
- 2 solicitation.
- 3 MS. BAKER BROWNSTETTER: To apply.
- 4 MR. MIZUTANI: Right.
- 5 MS. BAKER BROWNSTETTER: Thank you.
- 6 MR. SHEARS: Yeah, Chuck, I have been involved and
- 7 SEMPRA has held a bunch of workshops and stuff on that, and
- 8 so some of that money is going to be going to pay for the
- 9 residential. But this is all -- the E-Tech SEMPRA Nissan
- 10 project is really meant to be, you know, a big pilot and
- 11 launch, and there is also a lot of research around consumer
- 12 behavior and stuff that is tied up in that whole project,
- 13 but certainly some of those dollars go to pay for
- 14 installation within residences.
- 15 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: I will note a time check, or
- 16 maybe a quick comment here. Tom?
- MR. CACKETTE: Is there a list of the ARRA
- 18 projects that actually say -- the successful ones -- that
- 19 actually says what they would be expended on, like what John
- 20 just described? These tables just sort of show titles like
- 21 "Electric Transportation" got \$7 million, but it is not
- 22 clear -- it would help us figure out if stuff went to sort
- 23 of the 118 objective, or whether they go to something else.
- 24 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: Right, good question.
- 25 Chuck, do you --

1 1	MR.	MIZUTANI:	We	have	the	information	, but	again

- 2 in terms of our report, we summarize it, but we have that
- 3 detailed information we can provide.
- 4 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: Thank you. I think seeing
- 5 no additional comments, this has been an excellent
- 6 discussion on the existing program and I will note we are a
- 7 little bit behind schedule, but I think that was definitely
- 8 worthwhile to have that discussion and I think a lot of it
- 9 will feed in to this next part of the agenda, which is a
- 10 review of the 2010-2011 Investment Plan. So go ahead,
- 11 Chuck.
- 12 MR. MIZUTANI: Thank you, Commissioner. One of
- 13 the first things I would like to just first put before the
- 14 Advisory Committee is our sort of tentative schedule, moving
- 15 forward. The February -- today is our first Advisory
- 16 Committee meeting and it is on the staff draft. After this
- 17 Advisory Committee meeting, we are planning to have three
- 18 public workshops on our revised draft in the March
- 19 timeframe, and then have a second Advisory Committee meeting
- 20 in late March or April. After that committee meeting and in
- 21 the April timeframe, we would then make the modifications to
- 22 our report and a committee draft report would be produced.
- 23 We would plan to post the committee draft report in the
- 24 month of May, have a public hearing on the committee report,
- 25 and then go to a business meeting in the June-July timeframe

- 1 to adopt the Investment Plan.
- 2 So what I want to do now is to just provide a
- 3 summary of our draft Investment Plan and how the draft
- 4 Investment Plan is organized by the fuel types, there are
- 5 six fuel categories, and then there are also two other
- 6 categories, one is called the Innovative Technology and the
- 7 second one is the Environmental Market Assessment. So I
- 8 would just basically be going through and summarizing the
- 9 contents of the Draft Investment Plan.
- In the area of the on-road medium- and heavy-duty,
- 11 there are about a million vehicles that are registered, with
- 12 an additional million vehicles that are on the road. We see
- 13 this in the first Investment Plan, as well as this one, as
- 14 an opportunity to create a significant reduction in not only
- 15 environmental impacts, but also petroleum reduction impacts.
- 16 ARB is currently funding deployment of these medium- and
- 17 heavy-duty type technologies, and in sort of collaboration
- 18 with them, what we are looking at is to provide funding for
- 19 the development of additional medium- and heavy-duty
- 20 technology, in particular in the alternative fuel area, in
- 21 the area of on-road medium- and heavy-duty technologies. In
- 22 this one, in particular what we are talking about is the
- 23 TSE, Truck Stop Electrification. And there are basically
- 24 seven Truck Stop Electrification projects in California,
- 25 there are about 300 sites. In the ARRA funding, they

- 1 awarded \$22 million for 50 TSE sites outside of California.
- 2 We see this as an opportunity to, again, reduce
- 3 environmental impacts, as well as petroleum use. And so we
- 4 are recommending \$2 million for TSE deployment.
- 5 In the area of the infrastructure and related
- 6 activities, there are 3,000 public stations and about 1,500
- 7 community and municipal sites; 58 percent of those are in
- 8 L.A., 21 percent are in the Bay Area, 4 percent in
- 9 Sacramento, and 4 percent in San Diego.
- In the area of the electric drive, an anticipation
- 11 of the electric vehicle roll-outs as a result of the
- 12 mandates and other activities, we see that there is an
- 13 additional need to provide funds in this category to either
- 14 add to the population of electric chargers, or to upgrade
- 15 existing electric chargers to meet the SAEJ1 1772 Standards,
- 16 and we have identified \$3 million for that.
- One of the areas that we saw a tremendous
- 18 potential as a result of the ARRA solicitation was in the
- 19 area of electric vehicles and component manufacturing
- 20 facilities here in California. And we were not successful
- 21 in leveraging ARRA funds, but we see that there is a
- 22 tremendous potential to realize by providing funds in this
- 23 area. And in this area, we are recommending \$7.5 million
- 24 and the \$7.5 million would go for a combination of both
- 25 grants and loans, similar to what we are developing with the

- 1 State Treasurer's Office for our existing program funds.
- 2 MR. CACKETTE: That second bullet, non-road
- 3 medium- and heavy-duty, that is Truck Stop Electrification
- 4 [inaudible]?
- 5 MR. MIZUTANI: Again, in our Investment Plan, we
- 6 identify Truck Stop Electrification, but if there are
- 7 others, we definitely would want to consider it, but --
- 8 MR. CACKETTE: I was just looking for clarity.
- 9 MR. MIZUTANI: Right. So in the area of Hydrogen,
- 10 we are in the process of developing a solicitation for
- 11 fueling stations using \$22 million from our existing fund.
- 12 And, again, the purpose of this is to be able to try to
- 13 match the Hydrogen vehicle roll-outs and match them with the
- 14 demand for fuel. Initially, in the last Investment Plan, we
- 15 focused entirely on new Hydrogen fueling stations; this \$22
- 16 million will be looking beyond just funding new fueling
- 17 facilities, it could include sort of refurbishments of
- 18 existing stations, or paying for the operation, management
- 19 and maintenance of existing stations, and it also may go
- 20 beyond just the stations in what we are defining as cluster
- 21 areas. So we are trying to be a little more flexible and
- 22 expansive with this solicitation. And we believe that the
- 23 \$22 million will be sufficient to meet any of the vehicle
- 24 roll-outs; however, we have identified \$14 million to
- 25 basically be used as a result of the results from the

- 1 solicitation for the \$22 million.
- In the area of Ethanol, the prime mover for
- 3 Ethanol is really the Federal RFS. If you look at it from a
- 4 fair perspective, we would have to produce about 3 billion
- 5 gallons by the year 2022, and if you look at the
- 6 requirements of the Low Carbon Fuel Standard, where
- 7 California gasoline will probably go from E6 or 7 to an E10,
- 8 that would eat up about half of that supply. And then the
- 9 other half of the supply would have to find a market. And
- 10 we see that market potentially is going to be E-85. And so
- 11 what you are looking at is basically a 1.5 billion gallon
- 12 per year by the year 2022 for E-85 stations.
- MS. SHARPLESS: Are these loans, Chuck?
- MR. MIZUTANI: Right now, I would say these are
- 15 grants. We have a current solicitation for E-85 stations
- 16 along with natural gas and electric chargers, which are
- 17 grants.
- 18 MR. COLEMAN: Hi, Chuck. This is Will Coleman on
- 19 the phone. In the Investment Plan, there was a note about
- 20 FFV's and the limitation on deploying FFV's in California.
- 21 Can you talk a little bit about that and whether or not --
- 22 or why FFV's are not part of this plan?
- MR. MIZUTANI: The comment in terms of Investment
- 24 Plan on the FFV's is that the OEM's have been producing
- 25 FFV's in large quantities, but recently there appears to be,

- 1 I think, a question that is the reason in terms of whether
- 2 or not the OEM's will continue to produce FFV's. And that
- 3 was sort of -- more of an observation or a comment. We do
- 4 not see that there is a need really for funding in terms of
- 5 FFV's because they are pretty much -- that is the price of a
- 6 gasoline vehicle. And so there really is not an incremental
- 7 cost, but it is going to be really -- the decision is really
- 8 going to be from the OEM's, not from any other entity. So
- 9 that was the comment in the Investment Plan.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BOYD: John?
- 11 MR. SHEARS: Yeah, I think the issue is the fact
- 12 that, going forward with where California is looking to go
- 13 with its vehicle emissions regulations, it is not so much
- 14 that the OEMs are going to stop producing them, it is just
- 15 that, in the California context, whether FFV's will be able
- 16 to meet the emissions criteria that we are anticipating
- 17 through the revised regulations that are underway at the ARB
- 18 right now, and so I think that is the crux of the issue, as
- 19 to whether FFV's will be available in California, or an
- 20 expanded fleet of FFV's would be available to sop up any
- 21 Ethanol. So the question is whether the vehicle
- 22 manufacturers are willing to actually develop [inaudible]
- 23 capable FFV vehicles right now, as far as I am aware, there
- 24 is nominally one vehicle that was used as part of a CRC
- 25 study for ARB on the whole Ethanol emissions issue.

- 1 MR. MIZUTANI: Thank you, John.
- MR. COLEMAN: And is there a particular spec where
- 3 they fail or something?
- 4 MR. CACKETTE: Yeah, I can answer that. This is
- 5 Tom Cackette. The issue is not that they cannot do it,
- 6 notwithstanding the footnote for that comment, which was
- 7 attributed to General Motors and, in my view, is completely
- 8 an error, misleading. The issue is that they get fuel
- 9 economy credits for producing FFV's, and the amount of
- 10 credit they get can be achieved by building FFV's that meet
- 11 the 30-year standards of the U.S. EPA, and so there is not
- 12 an incentive for them to necessarily put the engineering
- 13 effort into making those FFV's meet the lower emission
- 14 standards that apply, and I am talking about smog standards
- 15 that apply in California. It is clear, the how to do it, it
- 16 is clear -- half-way clear what the technologies are,
- 17 notwithstanding your comments, you know, we talked to
- 18 engineers and they know how to do this, it is just a
- 19 question of do they want to put in the extra efforts
- 20 certifying with California and 13 other states -- FFV's that
- 21 meet these higher emission standards. And the way the
- 22 economy is right now, they do not get any benefit of doing
- 23 that with some of the other states, and that gets us our
- 24 maximum federal fuel economy credit, and we do not need to
- 25 do this extra step. So that is what is really at stake, do

- 1 they want to do it or not?
- 2 MR. COLMAN: Quick follow-up, this is Brooke
- 3 Colman, New Fuels Alliance. So in this hypothetical in
- 4 footnote 92, you know, GM making a decision between an FFV
- 5 Impala, and a SULEV Impala, do they have to certify to the
- 6 same EVAP rules in California for both of those fuels? I
- 7 still do not understand why they would choose SULEV over
- 8 FFV. My understanding is they have to certify to a higher
- 9 EVAP standard to do the FFV's than they do for the SULEV.
- 10 Is that true?
- 11 MR. CACKETTE: No, they have to certify to a
- 12 tighter standard, the one that is a SULEV. And since our
- 13 California smog standards are more stringent, they require
- 14 essentially more vehicles to be SULEVs, and in some places
- 15 that crosses over with their objective to produce dirtier
- 16 FFVs for the EPA states because the standards are a little
- 17 laxer. And so they found themselves in a position where
- 18 they want the Impala to be clean and the cleanest in order
- 19 to meet California standards, and the FFV does not cut it,
- 20 so, you know, they can fix that, but it takes extra
- 21 engineering resources to do so, and right now that is not
- 22 their highest priority. As I said, the benefit they would
- 23 get, which is the café credit, has a cap on it and is
- 24 achieved by just the vehicles that are sold in the other
- 25 non-14 California states.

- 1 MR. COLMAN: Thank you.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Jan.
- 3 MS. SHARPLESS: Yeah. Chuck, there was quite a
- 4 discussion in the section on Ethanol about a fair share
- 5 requirement of the Federal RFS, and I was trying to sort
- 6 through if that requirement to be met by 2022, if it is sort
- 7 of a State of California policy, and Ethanol is going to be
- 8 the control that helps us meet that requirement, and that is
- 9 the reason why more so than the vehicles, I mean, obviously
- 10 any cars to have the fuel or else it is not economic, but
- 11 how do these two things -- how are these two things going to
- 12 work together? I mean, if what Tom says is true and that
- 13 the domestics, again about what other car companies, but the
- 14 domestics feel that this is not going to be something that
- 15 is going to keep them competitive, how do we meet the 2022
- 16 requirement? Is this Ethanol section part of that? I just
- 17 do not understand how the two things work together.
- 18 MR. MIZUTANI: It is -- in the Ethanol section,
- 19 the primary motivation is the RFS. And in terms of the RFS,
- 20 there will be Ethanol that is used in California --
- MS. SHARPLESS: As a blend?
- MR. MIZUTANI: As a blend. And right now, because
- 23 of the economics, I think about 80 percent of the Ethanol is
- 24 coming from out of state. And what the sort of
- 25 environmental impact is that if you produce Ethanol, even

- 1 from corn, in-state, you are getting about a 10 percent
- 2 reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. But right now,
- 3 economically, we cannot compete.
- 4 MS. SHARPLESS: So, despite this car issue, you
- 5 want to do this for its blending capacity and the amount of
- 6 the GHG that you would get by having the fuel produced in
- 7 California. Is that the rationale?
- 8 MR. MIZUTANI: Yeah, that is one.
- 9 MS. SHARPLESS: That is the rationale,
- 10 notwithstanding whether or not the facilities we have here
- 11 can sustain themselves financially, but that is kind of the
- 12 rationale of why you are putting the money here?
- MR. MIZUTANI: Yeah.
- MS. SHARPLESS: Okay.
- 15 MR. MIZUTANI: And then, as a seque, in terms of
- 16 production, new production facilities, this is really both
- 17 new and existing Ethanol production facilities. There are
- 18 tremendous basically feedstock resources in terms of for
- 19 biomass waste resources that offers us an opportunity to
- 20 utilize. There are about seven in-state facilities that
- 21 basically are not operating, with the exception of one, and
- 22 we would be looking at providing sort of a loan to allow
- 23 them to operate and sell their products in the California
- 24 market, rather than having the California market purchase
- 25 Ethanol from out-of-state. But, in doing that, what we are

- 1 looking at is that those facilities would, after two years,
- 2 move to a process or a feedstock that would reduce their GHG
- 3 emissions by 10 percent. In addition, in terms of new
- 4 facilities, just because of the biomass waste resource
- 5 potential, we feel that there are opportunities to build --
- 6 that there be new facilities built utilizing waste resources
- 7 such as those that are cellulosic in nature. And so, based
- 8 on that, we identify or recommend \$10 million, again,
- 9 ranging from grants, as well as loans, depending on the type
- 10 of proposal that would be requested for funding.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Chuck, it is my recollection
- 12 that you commented about helping people make the transition
- 13 to biomass cellulosic, isn't that a condition? My
- 14 recollection was that a condition of helping them now would
- 15 be an absolute commitment to the fact that they are engaged
- 16 in a changeover, otherwise no money goes to them. Is that
- 17 correct?
- MR. MIZUTANI: Yeah, what we are looking at is
- 19 that in Year 3, they would have reduced their GHG emissions
- 20 by 10 percent.
- 21 MR. HWANG: Can I follow-up? I thought that some
- 22 of the facilities, corn Ethanol facilities in California,
- 23 were currently shutdown, actually scored out on the border
- 24 of a 10 percent reduction currently, so I am kind of -- I
- 25 guess I am a little unclear what the benefit associated with

- 1 the commitment for a Year 3 for a 10 percent reduction,
- 2 shouldn't we be asking for more? And I guess the question
- 3 really is, the rationale here appears to be that corn
- 4 Ethanol provides a very coherent half-way to a lower carbon
- 5 Ethanol technology reduction, so can you elaborate a little
- 6 bit more both on what the retrofit technology would be, what
- 7 kind of commitments are we asking for -- I am assuming you
- 8 are talking about legally binding commitments and
- 9 contractual commitments that return the money if they do not
- 10 make the investments. The 10 percent reduction criteria
- 11 seems to me to be too lenient of a standard to acquire by --
- MR. MIZUTANI: Okay, well, I think what we are
- 13 really looking at is, I think, four to five facilities that
- 14 would have an opportunity to basically take advantage of the
- 15 funds to be able to continue in the process, but in the
- 16 process of reducing their GHG. And one facility is looking
- 17 at reducing their process energy by 10 percent in terms of
- 18 reducing total GHG by 10 percent. There may be others. The
- 19 other ones may be looking at switching to the feed stocks
- 20 and, therefore, if they do, they would have to retrofit
- 21 their current facility to be able to accept those types of
- 22 feed stocks.
- COMMISSIONER EGGERT: And just to clarify, Chuck,
- 24 you are saying 10 percent beyond their current? So it is
- 25 not just 10 percent relative to gasoline, for example? It

- 1 is 10 percent beyond?
- 2 MR. MIZUTANI: Yeah, whatever their GHG footprint
- 3 is now, it would be 10 percent less.
- 4 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: I -- go ahead, Tom.
- 5 MR. CACKETTE: Yeah, this kind of gets to an
- 6 example of where I think the words in these tables do not
- 7 convey what the policies are. If you look at \$10 million
- 8 for what it says, "Development Activities for New and
- 9 Retrofit Advanced Ethanol Production Technologies," and what
- 10 you cannot get from this discussion is whether -- will all
- 11 this money go to facilities that are going to make a 10
- 12 percent improvement in their footprint? Or would some of it
- 13 be sort of guaranteed or desired to go to facilities that
- 14 have cellulosic or very low carbon? It kind of gets back to
- 15 that issue we talked about so long on the last plan about
- 16 where the money is going for higher risk, but bigger pay-off
- 17 projects vs. quaranteed results with low risk, but only
- 18 marginal GHG reductions. And, again, I know this is a
- 19 discussion -- I caught Bonnie not saying it, but the major
- 20 focus of this is not alternative fuels, per se, but it is
- 21 alternative fuels that achieve low greenhouse gas emissions.
- 22 So how come -- are we just going to put a solicitation out
- 23 that says, you know, "Give us some stuff that will go to
- 24 advance Ethanol production facilities that achieve a 10
- 25 percent reduction, and then it is going to be left up to CEC

- 1 staff to see if they could all to 10 percent improves
- 2 things, or all to 70 percent improve or advance technology
- 3 stuff? Or how is that going to work? What is the signal
- 4 that is being sent here?
- 5 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: Well, I will invite comment
- 6 from staff, but I believe the 10 percent is a minimum
- 7 threshold. Then, maybe if you want to expand upon that?
- 8 MR. WARD: Correct, Commissioner. That is -- we
- 9 really have -- the low hurdle rate is 10 percent, at
- 10 minimum, and I think Roland is right, California facilities,
- 11 when they were operating, due to the wet facility -- rains
- 12 and other energy inputs -- were 10-15 percent lower than the
- 13 gasoline-based plant already. We are asking for a 10
- 14 percent further, at minimum, reduction. And certainly if
- 15 they are using other feed stocks that could even go further.
- 16 You may recall in the last Investment Plan, I floated the
- 17 idea that we could have evaluative criteria based on the
- 18 attributes of particular projects, and that means if they
- 19 are a lower GHG, they would either score higher, or receive
- 20 higher incentive threshold for the incentive they would
- 21 receive. So this would be more of a pay for performance or
- 22 evaluate for performance based on an even lower -- so 10
- 23 percent minimum, then as far as I am concerned, the sky is
- 24 the limit, then they should be rewarded for going towards
- 25 the sky.

- 1 MR. HWANG: Just a follow-up --
- 2 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: With a maximum of 100
- 3 percent, right?
- 4 MR. WARD: Yes.
- 5 MR. HWANG: But just to make sure I understand,
- 6 Peter, that is helpful, but of the \$10 million that is for
- 7 new and retrofitted Ethanol facilities, is there going to be
- 8 a limit on the \$10 million for existing facilities,
- 9 retrofitting existing facilities? Because there are
- 10 obviously different risk profiles associated with a new
- 11 advanced cellulosic facility vs. an existing facility that
- 12 just needs to get some capital to keep moving forward, get
- 13 back to operations, so I thought that Tom's question was --
- 14 and maybe I misinterpreted it -- was, of the \$10 million
- 15 allocated for new and retrofitted, is there a thought on how
- 16 much of that is going to go towards existing facilities to
- 17 keep them at operation, with the promise -- commitment, I
- 18 should say -- legally binding commitment -- to move forward
- 19 with this new or lowered retrofit technology?
- 20 I quess that is a question, maybe one of the implications
- 21 here is should we have a cap on a separate category for the
- 22 intended allocation within the Ethanol funding pot for
- 23 existing vs. new facilities.
- 24 MR. WARD: I do not think we have made that
- 25 delineation yet, but we will take your point and what we

- 1 want to do is see if we can open those that exist now for a
- 2 better path to lower GHG. And that is a 10 percent minimum
- 3 threshold. We do expect the new facilities -- of course,
- 4 they would be a higher capital cost -- to achieve even much
- 5 much higher reduction in carbon intensity for the fuel up to
- 6 and including 70 percent to 100 percent.
- 7 MR. HWANG: So it is all four or five of these
- 8 facilities that you mention as a possibility for receiving
- 9 loans, if all four or five facilities received grants or
- 10 loans, how much of this pot of money are we talking about?
- 11 Is that \$8 million out of \$10 million would be expended to
- 12 keep these four or five facilities going? Or is it going to
- 13 be \$2 million? I mean, I think that is kind of the rough
- 14 question.
- 15 MR. WARD: It is pretty preliminary at this point.
- 16 We really do not know. And most of all, the problem we have
- 17 in projecting some of these dollars is we do not know what
- 18 we are going to get. It is the box of chocolates.
- 19 MR. COLMAN: Just for clarification, so you are
- 20 actually deploying dollars to keep these facilities open?
- 21 Or are those dollars being deployed specifically to the
- 22 retrofits for reductions of their carbon footprint?
- MR. MIZUTANI: Initially, it is to keep them in
- 24 operation, but part of the contract is, in three years'
- 25 time, they will make changes to reduce their GHG emissions.

COMMISSIONER	EGGERT:	Go	ahead,	Jan.

- 2 MS. SHARPLESS: The point I guess I was making,
- 3 and it is not a disagreement with what is being said in
- 4 terms of the policy drivers, but ultimately you do not want
- 5 to be spending money on facilities that cannot sustain
- 6 themselves beyond the Government expenditure. So some of
- 7 this, you know, should it be \$2 million, should it be \$5
- 8 million, should it be \$8 million, would depend on the
- 9 question ultimately, wouldn't you say, Roland, that if there
- 10 is a rationale, if there is a justification, for even these
- 11 facilities that are not as great as we would like them to
- 12 be, we do not want to give them money and then see them
- 13 shuttered three years later. So I think it has to be a
- 14 discussion with some investors about how you make these
- 15 facilities viable. And certainly the higher they get in
- 16 terms of their advance technology for meeting these goals, I
- 17 would think, would require more money, probably in the grant
- 18 kind of category, whereas some of these others would be in
- 19 the loan category, and so you would have to -- I can see why
- 20 it is difficult to answer the question of, you know, is it
- 21 going to be \$2 million of the \$10 million pot? I can see
- 22 why that would be a problem trying to get that information
- 23 to this committee today. But I think what it focuses on is
- 24 the fact that there needs to be a little bit more
- 25 specificity on what it is you hope to accomplish in each one

1	of	these	categories.	And as	you o	develop	these	plans	and	put

- 2 them out for public comment, I think you will find that you
- 3 will be much more productive with a little bit more
- 4 specificity, rather than sort of the general narrative.
- 5 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: John.
- 6 MR. SHEARS: Just to follow-up on Jan's remarks, I
- 7 think we also have to be cognizant that, given the limited
- 8 number of commercial operators in the state, that if we use
- 9 a facility screen, we actually could be disproportionately
- 10 funding, you know, operators that have already received
- 11 substantial state funds and I am not sure what the
- 12 disposition of those funds are, given that that particular
- 13 operator went into bankruptcy. So I think we have to be
- 14 very careful when we are talking about, you know, using
- 15 taxpayer dollars to support potentially the one large
- 16 operator in-state, again, given the challenging economic
- 17 environment within which they are operating in, and the
- 18 disposition of prior taxpayer dollars to support that
- 19 operation.
- 20 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: I quess just a quick
- 21 comment. I appreciate Jan's comments about, you know,
- 22 trying to ensure that this does not become a perpetual
- 23 subsidy, you know, we have seen how that can happen in
- 24 certain instances. I would also sort of invite the Advisory
- 25 Committee's comments on, you know, this area of basically

- 1 liquid biofuels is really one that is seeing a lot of
- 2 innovation. There are all sorts of investments being made
- 3 in a wide variety of feed stocks and processes, and end-
- 4 products, Ethanol being certainly one of the current
- 5 dominant end-products, but we are seeing investments in bio-
- 6 butanol, biologically driven hydrocarbons, and such. And
- 7 so, sort of thinking about this in the context of planning,
- 8 doing the best planning we can for the future, which is
- 9 currently an unknown future, you know, how do you see this
- 10 sort of fitting into that strategic plan? So I will just
- 11 leave it at that.
- 12 MR. COLMAN: Quick comment. Brooke Colman on the
- 13 phone. My understanding of this particular program is --
- 14 and my understanding is limited by the amount of information
- 15 that is available -- but that it is going to be tied to
- 16 production in some way. I mean, usually the state and
- 17 federal government deal with the type of question raised by
- 18 Jan as, you know, tying it to production outputs so that the
- 19 State does not pay for a Ferrari and a big silver tank. Is
- 20 that part of the equation here? I guess that is my
- 21 question, then I have a follow-up comment. Has there been a
- 22 discussion about whether that is tied to production? In
- 23 other words, for production or a tax break on --
- MR. MIZUTANI: Yes, it is tied to production.
- MR. COLMAN: Okay, so then that concern would be

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- 2 entity would not receive the funding allocation unless they
- 3 actually came online and produced the volumes with the
- 4 effects that you are anticipating, correct?
- 5 MR. MIZUTANI: Yes.
- 6 MR. COLMAN: Okay.
- 7 MS. BAKER BROWSTETTER: That seems a little bit
- 8 different from the initial discussion that somebody, that a
- 9 corn processor would not need to -- that they would need to
- 10 show, but for these funds, they would not be able to
- 11 continue. I mean, having the production outcome be the
- 12 determinant, that seems a totally different measure than the
- 13 "but for" analysis. I mean, I think if you are using a "but
- 14 for analysis, that is really problematic. It is very
- 15 difficult and expensive, of course, to really assess whether
- 16 or not they would go under but for the subsidy. My other
- 17 comment is related to -- this is kind of being a roundabout
- 18 way to get the cellulosic Ethanol produced, you know, to go
- 19 through the corn-based producers, to have them retrofit. I
- 20 mean, it just seems very odd to me. It seems like you would
- 21 want to just support the cellulosic, you do not want to
- 22 crowd out the newcomers, the people who might actually being
- 23 producing the cellulosic directly, rather than those who
- 24 already have a production facility, but maybe they have no
- 25 interest in transitioning it over. Those are my two

- 1 comments.
- 2 MR. MIZUTANI: I think -- I do not think we want
- 3 it to be an either/or; I think we have limited supplies of
- 4 alternative fuels. These are existing facilities that have
- 5 that potential right now to produce, and if there is a way
- 6 that we can do that in an economically efficient way, I
- 7 think we should consider them, in addition to any new
- 8 facilities that could be built and producing alternative
- 9 fuels, or misty [phonetic] biofuels.
- 10 MR. COLMAN: Yeah, a quick comment and response to
- 11 that. Brooke Colman again. I mean, I think it is important
- 12 that people understand what the bio-refineries in California
- 13 want to do; it is not that they want to -- they are dying to
- 14 convert corn into Ethanol, they want to sell Ethanol. So in
- 15 a lot of ways, what the state is doing is capturing a
- 16 cultural interest, whether it is a corn Ethanol facility or
- 17 a cellulosic facility, and selling Ethanol into the
- 18 marketplace, and a lot of the guys that are importing corn
- 19 -- or, excuse me, cheap feedstock, and when that feedstock
- 20 is no longer cheap, they are as interested, if not more than
- 21 anybody else, in diversifying their feedstock stream. So
- 22 the question -- I think the important question for this
- 23 group is how do we most quickly, in terms of bang for buck,
- 24 enable that outcome? And I agree with the sentiment just
- 25 expressed, that sometimes it is the new guy on the block,

- 1 the Blue Fire Ethanol, some guy -- sometimes it is specific
- 2 Ethanol that already has a bunch of steel in the ground, and
- 3 hopefully it is both. But I can tell you, based on my
- 4 experience with our coalition members, that the people that
- 5 sell biofuel are chasing cheap feedstock, and if corn is a
- 6 cheap feedstock, they think corn is the greatest thing in
- 7 the world, and if Switchgrass is cheap feedstock, they think
- 8 Switchgrass is the greatest thing in the world. So
- 9 hopefully we can focus on breaking that bottleneck and not
- 10 worry so much about, you know, feed stocks.
- 11 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: Bonnie?
- MS. HOLMES-GEN: Yeah, this is Bonnie Holmes-Gen.
- 13 I just wanted to comment that I agree with some of the prior
- 14 discussion, that I think we need a little more clear
- 15 definition of what the advanced production technologies are
- 16 that would be funded, and while I appreciate that 10 percent
- 17 is the minimum, I also, in terms of the GHG reduction, I
- 18 also agree that that is low and so I wanted to join those
- 19 who were saying that -- suggesting that the CEC could look
- 20 at a little higher threshold than the 10 percent. I would
- 21 be happy to think about that and suggest some. But I do
- 22 think that we need to have a little more definition in terms
- 23 of what feed stocks, what kind of process we are looking for
- 24 as an advanced production technology for this category.
- MR. MIZUTANI: Thank you.

1 MR	. COLEMAN:	This	is	Will	Coleman	on	the	line.
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- 2 So just in terms of that, I think we need to be a little bit
- 3 careful, though, over-proscribing here. I think that if we
- 4 dictate the minimum threshold, I think it is going to be a
- 5 question of definitions, because, you know, we have seen
- 6 certainly technologies come in the door that improve the
- 7 efficiency of the facility by, you know, four or five
- 8 percent, but what they do is they produce an additional, you
- 9 know, eight or nine million gallons of fuel that is
- 10 considered 100 percent cellulosic fuel, and so that would
- 11 qualify on those gallons produced, but it would not qualify
- 12 as the whole facility, and so I think the issue is how do
- 13 you prioritize. And I think Peter was talking about that
- 14 earlier, which is if you leave this as open as possible, you
- 15 know, and then apply a prioritization on those that achieve
- 16 the highest reductions, then you have kind of solved the
- 17 problem and you do not really need a minimum threshold.
- 18 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: Roland.
- MR. HWANG: I just want to echo something that
- 20 Shannon said, I think, is that this does seem to be a face
- 21 of -- a bit of an indirect way of getting at what you want.
- 22 And I think there are some questions just about the kind of
- 23 fiscal reasonableness of providing these kind of loans to a
- 24 facility that is currently not financially viable. So, you
- 25 know, given those two, I think, very legitimate concerns, I

- 1 think at the very minimum, as Bonnie was saying, is that I
- 2 think we -- if this is to be contemplated at all, I believe
- 3 the public should have a better indication of what kind of
- 4 technologies we are going to get in return for keeping these
- 5 facilities afloat for two years. I think it is a very
- 6 reasonable request, and I think it is very reasonable for us
- 7 to understand, are we going to get something substantial?
- 8 Or are we going to get minor tinkering around the margins to
- 9 improve the efficiency of these facilities? And is it 10
- 10 percent improvement from today's level? It is 20? Is it
- 11 30? Or is it 40? Is that on a per gallon basis of the
- 12 incremental production? Is it a total production? I do not
- 13 know. But I think the principal here, I believe, is that
- 14 there should be some greater transparency regarding what the
- 15 state is going to require in terms of new technologies, in
- 16 return for what would be a very generous offer in keeping
- 17 these facilities afloat for two years.
- 18 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: Any other comments from the
- 19 phone? Or we can go to the next slide?
- 20 MR. SIMPSON: I have one question. This is Harry
- 21 Simpson. On that \$10 million related to the advanced
- 22 Ethanol production, is that entirely the grant portion and
- 23 the loan monies would be on top of that? And, if so, how
- 24 much is allocated of the loan monies, or is that split up
- 25 somehow between loans and grants?

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- 2 going to be split up. The \$10 million will be a combination
- 3 of grants and loans. But, at this point, we have not
- 4 identified what portion of that will be grants or loans.
- 5 MR. SIMPSON: Okay, thank you.
- 6 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: I would say, too, I mean, to
- 7 the extent that these are really good questions, and where
- 8 we do not have answers, you know, we would certainly invite
- 9 recommendations, suggestions from the committee going
- 10 forward as we further evolve this plan to a final product.
- 11 Go ahead, Chuck.
- 12 MR. MIZUTANI: Thank you. The next one is sort of
- 13 a continuation of the previous discussion. But in the area
- 14 of the biomass-based diesel, they also are sort of
- 15 experiencing similar problems as with Ethanol, so we see
- 16 that there is, again, a potential to utilize in-state waste
- 17 resources to produce a biofuel such as a biomass-based
- 18 diesel, and we have identified \$5 million just based on what
- 19 the number of projects that might be being developing at
- 20 this time.
- 21 In the area of both storage and blending
- 22 facilities, currently biodiesel is being used as a diesel
- 23 blend, and the bulk of the diesel, as well as biodiesel, are
- 24 being imported. And right now, what that is doing is there
- 25 is a need to have a sort of separate or biofuel

- 1 compatibility with the existing terminal and blending
- storage. And we have identified \$5 million for that. It 2
- would probably address about a quarter of the storage
- capacity in California with respect to the diesel market. 4
- 5 MR. SIMPSON: I have a couple comments on that.
- This is Harry Simpson. On the \$5 million for the terminal 6
- 7 storage, you just said that would account, you think, for
- 8 getting biodiesel or biomass-based diesel blending at 25
- 9 percent of the existing terminal structure? Is that what
- 10 you said?
- 11 MR. MIZUTANI: Yeah, and what we are looking at is
- 12 not -- is more of a cost share loan type of arrangement.
- 13 MR. SIMPSON: And that is based on -- I mean, how
- 14 did you come up with that?
- 15 MR. MIZUTANI: Well, based upon -- well, in terms
- 16 of, I think, discussions with potential stakeholders,
- 17 previously. We have a current solicitation out on the
- 18 streets now where we receive proposals. And so it is just a
- 19 continuation of that approach.
- 20 MR. SIMPSON: Is the idea for that \$5 million,
- 21 that tentatively allocated, strictly at the bulk fuel
- 22 terminals, i.e., Kinder-Morgan pipe terminals, or NuStar, or
- 23 refinery rack terminals?
- 24 MR. MIZUTANI: I believe so, yes.
- 25 MR. SIMPSON: And why wouldn't you consider

- 1 alternative investment, or investment in alternative
- 2 blending sites that enable perhaps equivalent or even
- 3 greater blending potential? I mean, why strictly the
- 4 existing terminal at the structure?
- 5 MR. WARD: This is Peter Ward again. What we had
- 6 received as part of our first Investment Plan was the
- 7 information that there were bottlenecks at the existing
- 8 terminal at distribution centers. We are certainly open to
- 9 any other information that could help distribution of bio-
- 10 diesel, so your comments are well taken and I would like to
- 11 follow-up with you in more detail on that, but this really
- 12 has been based on the input that we received in the first
- 13 Investment Plan, and up to now, that there were bottlenecks
- 14 of existing storage and distribution facilities in the
- 15 state. We are open to other investments.
- 16 MR. SIMPSON: Peter, in response to that
- 17 particular comment, on the first Investment Plan, there was
- 18 no representation by anyone in the biodiesel industry and
- 19 certainly not in biomass-based diesel, in general, in the
- 20 Advisory Committee. Secondly, I think you did get some
- 21 comments in private meetings between some of the
- 22 stakeholders in those industries. I know I made one of
- 23 those comments myself, and I have seen the proposal and
- 24 discussed it with Kinder-Morgan that, you know, you are
- 25 looking at a \$2 million investment at Kinder-Morgan, for

- 1 instance, to put in the storage tank and tie it into the
- 2 blending infrastructure and computer systems, and all that,
- 3 and that is why I was asking, you know, where did that
- 4 quarter-million come from, even assuming a 50-50 cost share,
- 5 that would get you about \$2 million per terminal, that would
- 6 be about five terminals out of the 36 or 39 or so that are
- 7 in the state. So I guess my comment is that I am not sure
- 8 that the map is sort of penciled out to get to that 25
- 9 percent penetration, if you will, in terms of enabling
- 10 blending for 25 percent of all the diesel that is consumed
- 11 in California for on-road and off-road, which is combined of
- 12 about four billion gallons, I believe.
- MR. WARD: Well, your point is well taken, but I
- 14 am quite sure we would not be able to fund every need out
- 15 there, so we are really trying to prioritize the needs and,
- 16 as we say, we did try to identify the bottlenecks. But, Mr.
- 17 Simpson, I would like to follow-up with you on identifying
- 18 those needs, as well. We did not have anybody on the
- 19 Advisory Committee, but we have taken lots of public comment
- 20 through five public workshops, as well, so we have an open
- 21 docket and we would welcome the information you could
- 22 provide.
- MR. SIMPSON: We will take you up on that and
- 24 hopefully in the near future, specifically on that topic.
- MR. WARD: Thank you.

1	MR.	SIMPSON:	One	other	question	on	this	is	, to
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- 2 what extent do you make the initial allocation
- 3 determination, really based on -- and this is really not
- 4 just specifically within looking at biomass-based diesel and
- 5 how the monies are allocated within that category, but
- 6 relative to the others in terms of, you know, what role does
- 7 long-term vs. short-term GHG impact and market penetration
- 8 and ease of implementation, in other words, being able to
- 9 get something out the door that has an impact today and the
- 10 next couple of years vs. things that are much longer term.
- 11 And certainly we recognize the need to start today to
- 12 incentivize those longer term, longer lead time advance
- 13 technology such as Hydrogen fuel cells. But, I mean, how do
- 14 you balance near term vs. long term impact and
- 15 implementation?
- 16 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: Harry, this is Anthony and I
- 17 think that is an excellent question probably for our
- 18 afternoon's discussion. I think that is likely to be a
- 19 fairly lengthy and involved dialogue about sort of the
- 20 overall strategic nature of the plan, and the prioritization
- 21 of the investments. I think doing a time check here and
- 22 realizing that we are all going to be overwhelming the local
- 23 lunch areas, I would suggest we might want to get at least a
- 24 five-minute head start. This has been a really good
- 25 discussion and it is sort of bleeding over, I think, into

- 1 what we had intended to do in the afternoon, which is to
- 2 have a more expanded discussion about these programmatic
- 3 areas, but I think it has been going quite well, the
- 4 questions have been very good, and I think we will also be
- 5 able to return to some of them this afternoon, as well. So
- 6 I think, with that, I am going to suggest that we take a
- 7 break, about one hour, and reconvene here as close to 1:00.
- 8 And I would just request that you be back here at 1:00, and
- 9 we will look forward to continuing the discussion. Thank
- 10 you.
- 11 (Off the record at 11:58 a.m.)
- 12 (Back on the record at 1:12 p.m.)
- 13 COMMISSIONER BOYD: While we are settling in, let
- 14 me remind everybody sitting at the table that you need to
- 15 get these microphones very close to you to be heard, and you
- 16 have got to remember to turn them on and off, push the
- 17 little push sign and if you have a green light, you are on,
- 18 otherwise, you can turn it off and be careful that your
- 19 cells phones and Blackberries are not too close. We heard
- 20 -- it did not get aggravating, but we heard a lot of buzzes
- 21 this morning as people's cell phones were receiving messages
- 22 like crazy. We do not mind you having them on, I only heard
- 23 one ring, so if everybody can keep them on stun, but if you
- 24 get them too close to the microphones, it picks it up and
- 25 then it broadcasts it, so just a reminder. We have all

- 1 kinds of electronic ghosts in this room on occasion and it
- 2 gets hard to hear. Okay, Chuck, are you ready to pick up
- 3 where you left off? Hopefully re-stoked with energy from
- 4 getting some lunch?
- 5 MR. MIZUTANI: I will try to be quick because I
- 6 think the discussion this morning was very good.
- 7 For natural gas, in the medium- and heavy-duty
- 8 vehicle area, we see that there is an opportunity to realize
- 9 greenhouse gas emission reduction and petroleum reduction.
- 10 It is a limited market in the sense of the number of
- 11 vehicles, but it has a higher consumption and production of
- 12 emissions that make it an opportunity area. Seventy-five
- 13 percent of the vehicles are transit or school buses, 10
- 14 percent being refuse trucks. There are current programs in
- 15 the South Coast Air Basin and as well as with the ports to
- 16 look at the conversion of their vehicles and fleets to
- 17 natural gas. In the ARRA solicitation, there was about
- 18 \$11.5 million of ARRA funds that were awarded to ARRA
- 19 projects, and so we are looking at recommending about \$12
- 20 million for this Investment Plan for medium- and heavy-duty
- 21 port trucks and school busses and other types of natural gas
- 22 vehicles.
- We have funded natural gas fueling stations and we
- 24 will continue to do that, however, there are existing
- 25 stations that would have a productive life and should be

- 2 about \$2 million basically for upgrading of existing
- 3 compressed natural gas stations.
- 4 And then, finally, not only in terms of the ARRA
- 5 solicitation, but also from the workshops that we had,
- 6 leading up to the draft Investment Plan, we feel there is a
- 7 huge potential to realize biomethane from in-state
- 8 California, basically waste resources. We have \$21.5
- 9 million in funds in the current solicitation, and we believe
- 10 that an additional \$10 million should be put into the
- 11 biomethane production category. In the area of propane,
- 12 there basically is a very small population or universe of
- 13 propane vehicles, basically I think there is probably two to
- 14 three, one is the Roush F150 Kit and there are also propane
- 15 school buses. There are opportunities to realize in terms
- 16 of the use of propane for school buses, as well as for the
- 17 light, medium truck market, and so we identified \$3 million
- 18 to take advantage of that. And it is based upon trying to
- 19 extend the market in the hopes of the efforts currently
- 20 going on to develop a renewable propane supply, so that is
- 21 one of the major reasons of why we think there should be at
- 22 least some continued funding for propane technologies.
- 23 There is a new category, I think, I cannot
- 24 remember who mentioned it, but it was like cool things that
- 25 we have not thought about. That basically is our Innovative

- 1 Technologies. There are areas that would benefit from
- 2 funding that could realize a significant greenhouse gas
- 3 emission reduction benefit, as well as petroleum reduction.
- 4 We identified \$3 million, but we really do not have a
- 5 specific proposal in mind, and our hope was that we would be
- 6 able to gather some ideas or suggestions from the Advisory
- 7 Committee in this area. This area basically has a focus
- 8 more on efficiency and other types of technology
- 9 improvements, but it also does include some aspects of
- 10 alternative and renewable fuels, that we do not know
- 11 necessarily what that might be vs. those that we do know
- 12 about that are in the other fueling categories. So the
- 13 purpose of this really is to try to take advantage of any
- 14 innovation that is developing, or has developed recently.
- 15 So any input on this one would really be appreciated.
- 16 And then finally the last category is called
- 17 Market and Program Development. We had a Marketing and
- 18 Public Outreach category in the previous Investment Plan.
- 19 We had identified a million dollars. We have not used those
- 20 funds with the exception of about half a million dollars
- 21 that came from that pot for one of the ARRA Awards. We
- 22 think that it is time now to develop sort of marketing or
- 23 outreach information that we would be able to disseminate to
- 24 various groups; one of them would be to decision-makers that
- 25 would be making decisions on these types of projects. In

- 1 terms of sustainability, we are looking to recommend \$2.5
- 2 million in the area of sustainability to further our
- 3 knowledge and incorporation of sustainability into our
- 4 program. We are currently looking at encumbering \$2 million
- 5 into current allocation in the area of forest biomass.
- 6 And then, finally, there is a category called
- 7 Technical Assistance and Environmental Market Technology
- 8 Analyses. We are recommending \$6 million; \$3 million of
- 9 that is identified in our Budget Change Proposal, or in the
- 10 Governor's Budget to be for technical support or assistance
- 11 to the program, leaving \$3 million for funding other
- 12 analytic activities. An example of that would be -- we are
- 13 looking to NREL, to partner up with NREL, to undertake
- 14 basically marketing analyses. So --
- 15 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Chuck -- acronyms.
- MR. MIZUTANI: National Renewable Energy
- 17 Laboratory, it is a Federal Research Lab.
- 18 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: And just to clarify, it is
- 19 market analysis, right? Not marketing?
- MR. MIZUTANI: Yes.
- 21 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: Okay, thanks.
- MR. MIZUTANI: Sorry. If I said "marketing," I
- 23 apologize.
- 24 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: I was envisioning an
- 25 evaluation of commercials for biofuels, right.

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- 2 allocation of the \$108 million in the staff draft Investment
- 3 Plan.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Okay, folks. I see -- oh, I
- 5 am sorry. Go ahead, John. I could not see through the
- 6 green water bottle here.
- 7 MR. SHEARS: Yeah. You mentioned the retrofits
- 8 for propane, etc., and I forgot to ask. It is touched on in
- 9 the draft Investment Plan, but it seems like going forward
- 10 Energy Commission thinks there are a lot of benefits that
- 11 could come from retrofitting medium and heavy duty, but I
- 12 was wondering if you could just update the Committee on what
- 13 is being referred to when you talk about, on the light duty
- 14 side, the project that is being established with the PHEV
- 15 Research Center at UC Davis, and how that might inform
- 16 future programs for retrofitting on a light duty side. I do
- 17 not know if the committee has been updated on what is
- 18 happening there.
- 19 MR. MIZUTANI: Sure. We had about \$3.5 million
- 20 allocated to the PHEV retrofits. Some of that money was
- 21 used as part of the cost share for the ARRA awards, but
- 22 there remains about a little under \$3 million for converting
- 23 hybrid electric vehicles to plug-in hybrids. What we are
- 24 looking at right now is more using those retrofit vehicles
- 25 to collect data and form analyses, and that -- what we are

- 1 doing with the PHEV Research Center -- is to discuss what
- 2 type of analysis would be valuable for not only our program,
- 3 but perhaps for other forums going on as an example of the
- 4 Public Utilities Commission OIR, could find use of analysis
- 5 that would come out of this funding. So we have begun
- 6 discussion with the PHEV Research Center, but we have not
- 7 really come up with any solid ideas yet.
- 8 MR. SHEARS: So the money that was allocated for
- 9 the retrofits, essentially part of it would be that some of
- 10 that money would possibly go towards funding a research
- 11 program that is in parallel with the current retrofit
- 12 program?
- MR. MIZUTANI: Yes.
- MR. HWANG: Another question. Chuck, I would like
- 15 to extend our appreciation for the allocation of some of
- 16 this money for sustainability studies, we think that is very
- 17 important in addressing these key glaring holes in our
- 18 ability to move forward in a scientific and an objective
- 19 manner on a variety of different sustainability criteria, so
- 20 I think it is very important and I just wanted to reinforce
- 21 that, you know, we strongly support such and express our
- 22 appreciation for inclusion of such. Can you expand a little
- 23 bit more on the Forest Biomass study that is also something
- 24 of interest to my organization. What would that study be
- 25 for?

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- 2 is available, I would like him to provide that information.
- 3 MR. McKINNEY: Hi. I am Jim McKinney. I am the
- 4 Program Manager for the sustainability work with AB 118.
- 5 Forest Biomass utilization -- woody forest biomass
- 6 utilization has turned out to be just one of the most
- 7 politically and technically complicated issues that I have
- 8 been involved with on the sustainability side here, and
- 9 there is a lot of scientific controversy over kind of the
- 10 need for fuels management work, the volume and location of
- 11 the waste streams for many such activities, there is a lot
- 12 of scientific uncertainty over bio-risk reduction, there are
- 13 benefits on the ecological side; and then we have a dearth
- 14 of technologies that can commercially convert woody biomass
- 15 into liquid fuels, or gaseous fuels, at this time. So that
- 16 is where a lot of the money would be going. So, again, to
- 17 help fund some of what I would call the deep science that
- 18 the UCs are currently engaged in with this issue. We are
- 19 working with Cal Fire and the Forest Service on that. And
- 20 then, very specifically for AB 118, what would a
- 21 sustainability protocol look like for a woody biomass
- 22 project? So we are trying to develop standardized protocols
- 23 for sustainable feed stocks, you know, how do you know that
- 24 it came from the right place in the forest in a sustainable
- 25 fashion? Well, that needs a technical protocol, that does

- 1 not exist yet, so that is something that we are looking to
- 2 identify, as well. And we could talk for another hour about
- 3 this, but I think that -- hopefully that answers your
- 4 question.
- 5 MR. HWANG: Thank you, yes.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Bonnie.
- 7 MS. HOLMES-GEN: Are you looking for questions on
- 8 this slide or all of it, I am just curious where we are at.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Now we are just going slide by
- 10 slide, or --
- 11 MS. HOLMES-GEN: Okay. Well, can I just go back
- 12 to the biodiesel, I did not have a chance to ask a question
- 13 there.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Sure.
- 15 MS. HOLMES-GEN: And I had wanted to ask just
- 16 specifically about the emissions impacts of biodiesel, the
- 17 biomass-based diesel, and how -- what the plan is to handle
- 18 the fact that there is a smog precursor,  $NO_x$  emissions
- 19 increase from the fuel, and how is that going to be handled?
- 20 How is it going to be mitigated?
- 21 COMMISSIONER BOYD: There was a comment on the
- 22 phone and we did not quite pick up all of it.
- 23 MR. SIMPSON: Oh, Bonnie is saying that there is a
- 24 specific proven impact on it, but the small precursors she
- 25 is talking about is nitrogen oxide, and I do not think that

- 1 has been definitively settled yet by CARB. Certainly, there
- 2 is a lot of conflicting research that, at certainly the
- 3 lower blend levels that are anticipated in California do not
- 4 point to the smog precursors, so that was my only comment.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Chuck and staff, or Tom, do
- 6 you want to weigh in on this in terms of where CARB is?
- 7 MS. HOLMES-GEN: Yeah, I would like their comment
- 8 that the committee -- or the draft plan includes some data,
- 9 which I am trying to turn to here, which does show that
- 10 there are benefits in many areas, but there still is an
- 11 issue with the nitrogen oxides in this report. Is there a
- 12 conclusion from ARB yet on that?
- MR. CACKETTE: Well, I think it is still underway
- 14 and about to be completed, but all the evidence I have seen
- 15 is that there still is a  $NO_x$  increase with blends of
- 16 biodiesel and we are talking about things that are 20
- 17 percent or less anyway, not full biodiesel, but there is
- 18 also some hope that the additives and other reformations of
- 19 the ending mix can mitigate that. So I would say that there
- 20 is probably not much of a problem, if any, for up to B-20 if
- 21 there is a requirement, a spec that says that you have to
- 22 mitigate the  $NO_x$ .
- MS. HOLMES-GEN: Okay, and is that spec included
- 24 in the criteria, then, I guess?
- MR. CACKETTE: Well, that has not come out yet. I

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- 1 mean, that is still sort of the inside story on what the
- 2 testing evaluations are.
- 3 MR. SIMPSON: Is the question simply will CEC, in
- 4 determining their funding allocations factor -- I mean, is
- 5 that your question, Bonnie, that it will factor in, you
- 6 know, achieving air quality goals? Which I do not believe
- 7 is part of the policy objectives of AB 118, but let's
- 8 clarify that while we are on it.
- 9 MS. HOLMES-GEN: No, it actually is one of the
- 10 policy objectives in AB 118, it is, yes.
- 11 MR. SIMPSON: I am looking at Table 1 in the
- 12 document.
- MR. MIZUTANI: Well, in legislation, is that what
- 14 you mean, Bonnie?
- 15 MS. HOLMES-GEN: I am referring, yes, to the
- 16 legislation, the AB 118 legislation, specifically does have
- 17 language. I am just asking how is that going to be
- 18 considered by the CEC, the air quality impact, and I am
- 19 assuming, of course, that CEC will continue to work closely
- 20 with the ARB and incorporate any mitigation strategies that
- 21 are --
- COMMISSIONER BOYD: Yeah, if the ARB changes the
- 23 rules, we go along with them, and I agree, I mean, air
- 24 quality is one of the basic foundations in the 118 program,
- 25 and not exacerbating, but always trying to improve. I

- 1 think, I mean, the category of biodiesel -- and correct me
- 2 if I am wrong, Chuck, or Peter, or somebody -- I mean, to
- 3 me, it is biodiesel, but it is also synthetic diesels, it is
- 4 any kind of diesel-like fuel that fits in that kind of
- 5 engine technology. And with biodiesel, we have always --
- 6 you know, the traditional biodiesel, we have been aware of
- 7 the concerns and I do not think we would want to do anything
- 8 to contribute to backsliding. By the same token, many of
- 9 the explorations into diesel-like fuels bring all kinds of
- 10 positive qualities with them, at least alleged in the
- 11 research that is going on, and we would certainly encourage
- 12 that, and do encourage that. So I do not know if staff
- 13 wants to add anything.
- MR. MIZUTANI: Well, I think the primary goal is
- 15 GHG reduction, but at a minimum we are not going to be
- 16 backsliding on any other kind of standards or regulations,
- 17 air quality being primary. So it would have -- at a
- 18 minimum, whatever the project it is, it is going to have to
- 19 meet air quality regulations. And in terms of funding of
- 20 facilities, they are going to have to get permitted from the
- 21 local agencies.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BOYD: I know there are people in the
- 23 audience dying to address this, but this is a dialogue
- 24 amongst the Advisory Committee members, so far, so hold your
- 25 thoughts for the public comment.

MS. HOLMES-GE	: Continue that I	later. I just
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- 2 wanted to -- real briefly, one more thing real quick?
- 3 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Sure, then after that John and
- 4 then Jan.
- 5 MS. HOLMES-GEN: Okay. I appreciate that you have
- 6 the program, marketing and public education, I think that is
- 7 really important and I hope that I am just -- you know, I
- 8 know we did everything we could last year, it is too bad we
- 9 could not get that kind of program going and I hope that we
- 10 can define a public outreach campaign this next year and
- 11 really get it going. I think that is a very important
- 12 component and, to the general public is what I am thinking
- 13 more than just to the decision-makers or officials, but to
- 14 the public to express the importance of making decisions to
- 15 buy the cleanest technologies, and the importance and the
- 16 severity of the global warming concerns we have, and that
- 17 there are viable cost-effective technologies available now
- 18 that the public can take advantage of. So I hope that ARB
- 19 and CEC can work together and develop a plan to really get
- 20 that going.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BOYD: John, then Jan, then Dan.
- MR. SHEARS: Yeah, I just want to hearken back to
- 23 the public workshop where FAME biodiesel was discussed many
- 24 months ago, and I recall raising this issue before and I
- 25 will raise it again today because, I mean, the discussion

- 1 right now has been about the air quality aspects of
- 2 biodiesel, but I think we also need to be cognizant and I
- 3 hope staff have been consulting with appropriate engineers
- 4 with the manufacturers about what the implications are, you
- 5 know, for the industry, but also for the FAME biodiesel
- 6 industry, but also for the vehicle fleet. As new modern
- 7 diesels are being deployed in California, as a growing part
- $8\,$  of the fleet, you know, there are still -- maybe Tom has
- 9 some insights on whether additives now help resolve some of
- 10 the concerns that the engine manufacturers and emission
- 11 control equipment manufacturers have. But I think we need
- 12 to factor in that aspect of this, as well, because this
- 13 program is about, you know, two legs of the transportation
- 14 stool, primarily, it is about the vehicles and the fuels.
- 15 And we need to make sure that we understand that these
- 16 things are going to be working together well going forward.
- 17 Certainly, there is a large legacy fleet of diesels that
- 18 probably will be robust enough to be able to remain
- 19 relatively unaffected, but with newer modern diesels, I
- 20 think there are some concerns for what the implications are,
- 21 you know, for the use of FAME biodiesel. So I just want to,
- 22 you know, offer that caution.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Jan.
- MS. SHARPLESS: Yeah. Along the lines of the
- 25 analysis that people are looking for to address some of the

- 1 critical issues, in your category under technical assistance
- 2 and environmental market technology analysis, you have like
- 3 four different types of tool development models and analysis
- 4 that you are talking about funding, I think, to the tune of
- 5 \$6 million between them, and some of them, it sounds like,
- 6 there is already a platform established for some of those
- 7 tools that just need further enhancement and development.
- 8 It is not clear whether some of them are multi-year or one
- 9 time, but the point that I am trying to make along the lines
- 10 of this is this really sounds like great tools that would
- 11 really help advance the development of your Investment Plan.
- 12 Would that we had them now because I think they would
- 13 address some of the questions that are being raised here
- 14 today. Are these tools going to be ready or at least
- 15 partially ready to be used to analyze some of the 2010-11
- 16 plan? Or do we wait for the next iteration, Chuck?
- 17 MR. MIZUTANI: On some -- I think on pretty much
- 18 all of them, anything on the 2010-2011 would be a
- 19 retrospective for those tools. When they are developed, we
- 20 would probably looking more for future funding cycles.
- 21 MS. SHARPLESS: This is what? A five-year
- 22 program? Oh, seven, seven. Well, I would hope that the
- 23 tools were not available in Year 6 because it would be
- 24 really nice to have them and I guess I would say that I
- 25 really support this aspect of expenditure of funds because

- 1 it really does help you address some of the critical issues.
- 2 And then, Chuck, you mentioned something about somewhere in
- 3 this Investment Plan would be money to help improve fuel
- 4 economy. Was it in the heavy-duty area?
- 5 MR. MIZUTANI: Where I mentioned that was on the
- 6 Innovative Technologies.
- 7 MS. SHARPLESS: So the scope is to use that \$3
- 8 million, but you do not quite know what might be out there,
- 9 what idea might be out there, but to improve fuel economy
- 10 basically in vehicles? Is that what you are looking at?
- MR. MIZUTANI: Probably primarily, but if you look
- 12 at the listing, it also covers components, not only for
- 13 vehicles, but also even for production and things like that.
- 14 It is fairly broad, but it is looking at the efficiency
- 15 category.
- MS. SHARPLESS: I would just say that, you know,
- 17 when you look at -- and I think it was in your Investment
- 18 Plan at the very beginning, the introduction, the trend is
- 19 that the gasoline use is going down, and diesel use is going
- 20 up, and one of the things that that, I think, demonstrates
- 21 is the fact that we have not been able to really improve
- 22 fuel efficiency for heavy-duty, and however you manage to do
- 23 that, I think that would help address one of those very
- 24 critical issues that we can see right now is a trend.
- MR. MIZUTANI: Thank you.

1	COMMISSIONER EGGERT: A couple quick comments. I
2	know, if you do take a look at that section, which is page
3	68 of the draft Plan, Innovative Technologies and Advanced
4	Fuels, there is sort of a list of I think it is maybe
5	about nine bullet points, and it is a bit of a catchall, but
6	I certainly personally believe there is a lot of really
7	interesting ideas that exist within those bullets, and I
8	think one of the things we would be interested in feedback
9	on is where we might invest within those categories; again,
10	sort of what would be the best targeted investments and what
11	would be the nature or mechanism by which to achieve the
12	goals that are sort of outlined here. I also would just
13	make a quick comment with respect to the Technical
14	Assistance components, the first one being the lifecycle
15	assistance for full fuel cell cycle analysis. That is
16	ongoing certainly as part of the Low Carbon Fuel Standard
17	regulatory development that are continuing to develop more
18	pathways for assessing the carbon intensity, so I think this
19	sort of supplements that work. And then, even the second
20	bullet, which talks about UC Irvine's modeling tool for
21	spatially and temporally resolved energy and environment, an
22	environmental tool looking at infrastructure distribution,
23	is an ongoing activity that is providing valuable insights.
24	I would also be remiss not to mention UC Davis has a similar

activity going on -- not mentioned here -- under their

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- 1 Sustainable Transportation Pathways Programs. So I think
- 2 some of this is sort of new, but a lot of it is sort of
- 3 contributing to ongoing processes that are providing inputs,
- 4 even in the current Investment Plan. And actually, I do not
- 5 know if, Chuck, you wanted to maybe say a little bit more to
- 6 Jan's last point about the heavy duty technologies?
- 7 MR. MIZUTANI: So I suppose we did sort of have
- 8 one idea and that was to establish centers of excellence in
- 9 which there would be a unified and focused look at what --
- 10 how to best improve the efficiency of these medium- and
- 11 heavy-duty vehicles. So I think we do see -- both ARB and
- 12 us -- really are looking at the medium- and heavy-duty
- 13 market as a prime market for improvements.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Jan, Emmett, and then Tom.
- 15 And let me just say, in response to Bonnie's comment earlier
- 16 about what are we talking about, and I said this slide,
- 17 without realizing that this is the concluding slide of the
- 18 whole section, so really discussing the plan is open-season
- 19 right now for the staff draft plan.
- 20 MR. EMMETT: Okay, well, I will start with a
- 21 specific slide-related question and that is on the natural
- 22 gas slide, I was just curious, the first bullet allocation
- 23 for the medium- and heavy-duty trucks, I am curious how this
- 24 may or may not overlap or dovetail with funding at CARB or
- 25 through the [inaudible] Program, and if that was really

- 1 thought through, and I mean, it is obviously great to have
- 2 more of these trucks and buses, but I just wanted to know if
- 3 that was decided on in the context of that, and if therefore
- 4 the other categories still make sense.
- 5 MR. MIZUTANI: We have been in discussions with
- 6 ARB, as well as the South Coast Air District in looking at
- 7 how we can be complimentary in our funding, and also our
- 8 funding process. It is a discussion that is still
- 9 continuing. But, definitely, we would agree with you that
- 10 we have to look at the other programs that look at this
- 11 sector.
- MR. EMMETT: So, without knowing what is happening
- 13 on the funding of the trucks and buses elsewhere, I would
- 14 just be curious to know whether or not it might make sense
- 15 to increase some of the other categories under natural gas
- 16 for biomethane production, for example. I just do not -- I
- 17 think it is worth knowing what the other piece of the puzzle
- 18 are -- or the fueling stations -- just arbitrary, but -- and
- 19 then, since I have the mic, I will just cover my other
- 20 points --
- 21 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: Before you do that, I wanted
- 22 to just invite a comment from Andy earlier.
- MR. PANSON: Yeah, this is Andy Panson with ARB,
- 24 and I work on the EQA, the ARB side of AB 118, and we are
- 25 working very closely with the Energy Commission and the

1	natural	gas	is	actually	v the	perfect	example.	Wе	talked

- 2 about how to split up the heavy-duty truck category, and in
- 3 our first funding plan there is no natural gas funding
- 4 because we decided they were going to take natural gas. We
- 5 were focused in on hybrid truck deployment. We talked about
- 6 this year's plan and we are going to continue that, so we
- 7 are very much actively having those discussions and the plan
- 8 does reflect that.
- 9 MR. EMMETT: Great. My other quick comments were
- 10 on the Hydrogen funding allocation. I think it looks great.
- 11 In fact, I will just say that this plan is really well
- 12 though out and comprehensive. Obviously the slides do not
- 13 hold all the detail, but if you dig into the plan, it does.
- 14 I would make a couple of recommendations on the Hydrogen
- 15 front to think about, one is sort of -- you referenced SB
- 16 1505, which CARB is currently developing the regulation for
- 17 right now, which sets environmental performance standards
- 18 for Hydrogen fuel, and in light of the renewable
- 19 requirement, it might be worth thinking about in terms of
- 20 Hydrogen funding, not just the actual stations, the
- 21 infrastructure, but some form of incentive funding for
- 22 centralized production of renewable Hydrogen, to then
- 23 ultimately supply stations. And the reason for that is that
- 24 requirement is an aggregate statewide requirement, and it is
- 25 not a per station requirement, and so the more we can do to

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- 2 industry to meet that requirement because that fuel would be
- 3 available. And I think the hurdles are higher, it is more
- 4 costly, and it seems like an appropriate place for the state
- 5 to be investing in renewable Hydrogen production. So
- 6 obviously with conversations with industry, if you get a
- 7 sense of how best to do that, I do not know, but it just --
- 8 in terms of thinking about it a little bit differently and
- 9 not just the actual retail infrastructure, but the
- 10 production facility that might support that infrastructure,
- 11 with the Hydrogen that is going to meet the standard moving
- 12 forward. Let's see, the other question would be about home
- 13 refueling. I know we looked at that quite a bit on the
- 14 electric drive side. There are some companies, Honda being
- 15 one, and obviously we need -- a time frame there is
- 16 important, but home re-fuelers are also applicable on the
- 17 Hydrogen side and I think it would be worth thinking about
- 18 what kind of funding may or may not be appropriate for home
- 19 refueling of Fuel Cell Vehicles. On the electric drive
- 20 side, I want to -- and someone else made the comment, I
- 21 think it was Shannon -- of the importance of home charging,
- 22 and support for home charging, and I would agree
- 23 wholeheartedly, you know, this public infrastructure is
- 24 important to upgrade it, make sure it is there, but we want
- 25 to really encourage off-peak charging and there is no better

- 1 way to do that than to have home charging and to ensure that
- 2 that is a key piece that is really culled out in future
- 3 solicitations, I think, is important. And also, I do not
- 4 know if it falls under your innovative category, or under
- 5 the electric drive, but I understand that this program is
- 6 really about deployment, getting stuff on the streets, but
- 7 that said, there was an acknowledgement that there was a
- 8 place for appropriate RDND, and in the area of V2G, and sort
- 9 of the interconnectivity of vehicles to the grid, for
- 10 management of the battery of peak shaving and whatnot, I
- 11 think it might be worth thinking about using AB 118 funds to
- 12 start tackling that more than it has been tackled in the
- 13 past. So some comments.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Don.
- 15 MR. COLMAN: I have a comment on the phone.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Please, yes. Who is this?
- MR. COLMAN: Brooke Colman of Fuels Alliance.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Thanks, Brooke.
- 19 MR. COLMAN: Just quickly, the sustainability
- 20 provision, no issue with doing sustainability analysis, but
- 21 there is a certain one-dimensional -- it has a certain one-
- 22 dimensional flavor focusing on bio-energy and biofuels; it
- 23 culminates with the statement: "To ensure that water use
- 24 reduction measures and best management practices are used in
- 25 the production of biofuels." And that is on page 76. Two

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- 2 to all fuel, certainly land intensive, no one has to explain
- 3 to me that land intensification is an issue of concern in
- 4 California, or in the United States, but there is also
- 5 lithium intensification, nickel intensification, shale hydro
- 6 fracturing intensification in the case of natural gas,
- 7 people have talked about the low carbon scores for Hydrogen,
- 8 note that is partially based on the assumption that
- 9 renewable resources will penetrate the electricity grid and
- 10 one of those renewables is biomass, is there -- certainly
- 11 this is not something that is unique to biofuels, yet it
- 12 seems like it is being treated as unique to biofuels. Is
- 13 there sensitivity to that and, and add-on question is, are
- 14 you going to specifically identify these other fuels and
- 15 balance this sustainability investigation moving forward?
- 16 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Jim McKinney is coming to the
- 17 microphone.
- MR. McKINNEY: Hi, Jim McKinney again. Brooke,
- 19 you are raising good points, and I do not know if you sat
- 20 through some of my sustainability working group
- 21 presentations. I think the point you are making about
- 22 looking at the sustainability of other parts of the vehicle
- 23 and alternative fuel parts of the fleet is important, but
- 24 the near term concerns have always been biofuels and the
- 25 potential for adverse effect on natural resources through

- 1 rapid deployment and development, and scaling up of the
- 2 biofuels industry. So that is where Energy Commission staff
- 3 have decided to allocate their resources in the near term.
- 4 But, again, the list of things you listed out are things we
- 5 have talked about internally, and it is just a matter of
- 6 time to try to get the program right for biomass-based
- 7 materials, and then kind of move on to different parts of
- 8 the program.
- 9 MR. COLMAN: So you have made a decision to start
- 10 with biofuels, uniquely?
- 11 MR. McKINNEY: Yeah, I guess you were not there
- 12 for my Sustainability 101 presentation, but we really did
- 13 try to make that clear to folks, that -- I do not want to
- 14 imply legislative intent, but if you read AB 118 statute,
- 15 the direction is to look at natural resource protection
- 16 issues, so that is in fact what we are doing.
- MR. COLMAN: I understand, but don't these other
- 18 -- I do not know if -- we can continue this offline, but
- 19 just for the record, I am not sure if that squares with some
- 20 of the forecasts that have been made for meeting the low
- 21 carbon fuel standard requirements and the compliance
- 22 scenarios. The intensification particularly in lithium is
- 23 unquestioned, right?
- MR. McKINNEY: Well, I am always happy to have
- 25 these discussions with you, so let's continue them.

1	MR.	COLMAN:	Great.	Thanks,	Jim.

- 2 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Let me just add -- this is Jim
- 3 Boyd -- let me add a slight addendum to this discussion.
- 4 The staff, and Jim McKinney, in particular, is also
- 5 responding to an issue that has been raised in multiple
- 6 state agencies at the same time, and working groups have
- 7 been formed and so on and so forth, so some priority has
- 8 gone on in the biofuels area just because other state
- 9 agencies who have, like the Board of Forestry, or the
- 10 Department of Forestry and Fire Protection -- I will never
- 11 be able to call them "Cal Fire," but -- and the Air
- 12 Resources Board with the Low Carbon Fuel Standard, and all
- 13 of these agencies have been focused in on that subject
- 14 because it is being pushed in certain areas, so it has
- 15 gotten a priority. I do not -- as Jim indicated, I do not
- 16 think the agency intends to neglect anything, but
- 17 unfortunately we only have one Jim McKinney working on this
- 18 and it is a little bit of a problem. So, in any event....
- 19 MR. COLMAN: Yeah, I wanted to quickly be clear
- 20 about something. I think, you know, the first reason that I
- 21 am raising is it is because we represent a lot of biofuels
- 22 folks who are concerned about competitive neutrality and
- 23 obviously are concerned about conditions being placed on
- 24 eligibility that are not placed on other fuels, but the
- 25 other reason I raise it, which might be a surprise to you, I

1	think	that	one	of	the	great	inhibiters	of	reasonable

- 2 progress with regard to sustainability is when it is applied
- 3 to only one fuel, because that pits that fuel sector, that
- 4 isolated fuel sector, against the selective, you know,
- 5 enforcement of something like the best management practices
- 6 for eligibility. So, you know, just take it as sort of a
- 7 35,000-foot comment, but I think going at sustainability
- 8 from a fuel neutral perspective is as important as looking
- 9 at other things from a fuel neutral --
- 10 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Yeah, your point is well
- 11 taken. I mean, and I have been quite an advocate of the
- 12 dilemma we are getting ourselves into with regard to equity,
- 13 booring in at one area and, I mean, we will not have an
- 14 equitable world until we have done these kinds of analyses
- 15 and cradle to grave analyses on everything where you can
- 16 compare them equally. But I quess everybody is doing the
- 17 best they can. I am not sure who -- who was next, Tom?
- MR. CACKETTE: I just wanted to go back to the
- 19 heavy-duty discussion where there was some reference to
- 20 perhaps spending money to increase the efficiency of heavy-
- 21 duty diesel engines, and I think that probably would not be
- 22 a good priority to spend money on because, under the ISA,
- 23 the Federal Energy Act, both NTSA and EPA are charged with
- 24 -- or, at least NTSA is charged with adopting fuel economy
- 25 standards for heavy-duty trucks, and the EPA is developing

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- 2 engines themselves. So there is going to be a significant
- 3 change there from a regulatory focus and so, other than
- 4 perhaps some ancillary all-fuel engines that might get
- 5 missed in the process, there will be a strong pressure to
- 6 further improve the efficiency of heavy-duty diesel engines.
- 7 And the second thing is, more comment in general, I could
- 8 not tell in a number of places in the plan, when we are
- 9 talking about development, whether the idea of someone
- 10 bidding on "I would like to develop a new engine or an
- 11 alternative fuel version of an engine, and I would like the
- 12 state to use 118 monies to help me develop that engine to
- 13 increase the supply in variety of engines out there." I
- 14 think that is something that the plan should specifically
- 15 address if you are going to encourage that or not, and I
- 16 know my recommendation would be not to encourage that -- I
- 17 think that is like going on a large sailboat, it is a giant
- 18 hole you pour money in, and you have no idea what you are
- 19 going to get out the other end. And there is enough
- 20 pressure on the real people who make engines to do that kind
- 21 of development.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Well, both your points, from
- 23 my perspective, are good ones. On the latter point, and
- 24 then the staff really ought to be commenting on the plan,
- 25 but on the latter point, I think we do follow kind of a

- 1 policy along the lines that you were even suggesting. I
- 2 mean 118 is kind of demonstration deployment biased, and if
- 3 we wanted to go into some new engine technologies, our other
- 4 PIER Research Program might be the area where we would do
- 5 that, although we do not have a lot of latitude. And to the
- 6 best of my knowledge, other than in the past, and maybe even
- 7 in the present, engines and stationary energy applications
- 8 of where more of that emphasis has gone, but always spills
- 9 over, but I do not think we are very deep into that, but
- 10 your point is a good one, both of them are good ones with
- 11 regard to what we need to be careful in what we say in the
- 12 final Investment Plan.
- 13 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: Maybe just a question. And
- 14 actually I agree wholeheartedly with your points. Within
- 15 the area of the Innovative Technologies and Fuels, there is
- 16 also discussion about more generic research relating to
- 17 activities that could provide improvements in efficiency
- 18 overall to, you know, for example, heavy-duty engines and
- 19 power trains, including controls and on-board diagnostics
- 20 technologies that might be a little bit more generic to the
- 21 sector. And I guess I would invite your thoughts on that,
- 22 as well, if you see any opportunities that could exist to
- 23 invest in sort of more like systems development activities
- 24 that could then be applied across, for example, heavy-duty
- 25 engines, power trains.

<pre>1 MR. CACKETTE: Do you mean like how you oper</pre>
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- 2 the trucks and the movement type of thing, or are you
- 3 talking about technologies? I do not understand the system
- 4 thing for technology.
- 5 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: Yes, I mean, maybe the best
- 6 example I could give, which is a little bit of a departure,
- 7 would be for example hybrid control systems, so trying to
- 8 optimize the relative contributions of engine vs. battery or
- 9 hydraulic system for hydraulic hybrids, that would then be
- 10 information and the technologies that would be available to
- 11 all providers of those.
- MR. CACKETTE: No, I personally do not think it
- 13 really works that way, you know, developing optimization of
- 14 engines is something that is specific to an engine or an
- 15 engine drive train system, I do not see where you can just
- 16 develop one hybrid controller, for example, that would be
- 17 usable by lots of different people. It might help people
- 18 who are trying to produce 100 or 500 of a unique type of
- 19 vehicle, but that is not in my view a sustainable effort,
- 20 and I believe the car companies and the truck companies and
- 21 the engine companies, you know, they are doing those kind of
- 22 things now, and if they are doing them, then us having the
- 23 kind of money we have into it is not going to really
- 24 influence the end result, but it does drain the \$100 million
- 25 a year that you have available. So I just do not see it as

- 1 a very high percentage payoff to do those kinds of things.
- 2 And what brought it up was under Innovative Technologies,
- 3 that it talks about advanced -- at least on the bullets --
- 4 advanced internal combustion engines resulting in a 40
- 5 percent efficiency improvement, while on that light-duty
- 6 side, of course, there is just tremendous pressure for that
- 7 to happen anyway. And as I said, on the heavy-duty side,
- 8 there is going to be greenhouse gas standards from EPA that
- 9 will do exactly the same thing. So I do not think we need
- 10 to invest in that at all.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Point well made, but I will
- 12 say, from just kind of a energy policy perspective, we will
- 13 never not talk about efficiency just to talk about
- 14 efficiency because efficiency is job 1 here in the energy
- 15 field. And Anthony is new to this, but he will hear me make
- 16 cracks about the California Electricity Commission -- oops,
- 17 I mean the California Energy Commission -- once in a while
- 18 as we forget as an agency oftentimes to talk about
- 19 efficiency in the non-electrical arena, so sometimes it is
- 20 just to drive a point that that is a very important policy
- 21 issue we prod verbally -- if not with money -- people to
- 22 continue to address that, and to indicate perhaps, you know,
- 23 if we ever come across some area where we would mutually
- 24 agree there might be something we should pursue, then we at
- 25 least have notified that we are interested in that subject

- 1 if there is ever anything worthwhile or needed. Then, one
- 2 of the key things that we have to deal with is, you know,
- 3 where should we be spending the taxpayers' money vs. where
- 4 is the money going to flow in the private sector anyway that
- 5 we have no business having to go into that? Or, you know,
- 6 where might the little bit of money from us leverage a lot
- 7 of private money and do some good? So that probably
- 8 contributes, although to many of some of the vagaries that
- 9 seem to appear, I guess, in a draft plan when you are not
- 10 quite sure this far in advance where you are going to end
- 11 up, it depends a lot on what happens. Now, we spend a lot
- 12 of time defending your draft over there, guys, have you got
- 13 anything to add to this? And I do not want to leave Leslie
- 14 out, either, guys and gals. Chuck, any comments? Or did we
- 15 steal all your thunder?
- 16 MR. MIZUTANI: Oh, no. I mean, what we are
- 17 looking for, really, is input, so we are taking it all in.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BOYD: All right, Peter and then
- 19 Bonnie.
- 20 MR. COOPER: I wanted to speak to the work force
- 21 issues starting on page 70. And I think it was mentioned at
- 22 the top of the meeting that the State Workforce Investment
- 23 Board has done a really great job at coordinating multiple
- 24 stakeholders in the workforce system in California and
- 25 figuring out how to use funding wisely, and really be

- 1 industry-driven workforce systems. The Energy Commission
- 2 has been very involved in this process and it is kind of
- 3 reflected a bit on page 71. I know the money is just now
- 4 getting out the door and it looks like, from this draft
- 5 document, that it is the plan to evaluate those programs
- 6 before deciding where to allocate more funding for workforce
- 7 training in this area, focusing on possible areas in the
- 8 future of disenfranchised adult colleges and universities,
- 9 and I would like to see added to that unemployed,
- 10 underemployed, and incumbent workers. With this economy
- 11 dragging on, a lot of people will not be back to work soon
- 12 and a great time to train people so that the state can get
- 13 going fast when, in fact, things start to turn around. So
- 14 that is just kind of my comment. My question, I guess, for
- 15 staff is, it seems like the money for the 2010-2011 cycle
- 16 has been eliminated or decreased substantially, it looks
- 17 like it is eliminated at this point, so I just wanted to get
- 18 a little bit more information about that decision and how it
- 19 was reached.
- 20 MR. MIZUTANI: It really is that we had \$15
- 21 million allocated, we have encumbered \$9 million of that, we
- 22 are in the process of encumbering the remaining \$6 from the
- 23 current Investment Plan, and unfortunately the time it has
- 24 taken, we have not been able to take advantage of the
- 25 results from those programs. The intent of those three

- 1 interagencies is to try and cover all aspects of the
- 2 workforce and I thought that, you know, when we were talking
- 3 about the unemployed and disenfranchised, I thought that was
- 4 in one of our interagencies -- the purpose of addressing
- 5 that group. And so, given that -- if we could cover all of
- 6 the groups, I think we need to -- it would be prudent to
- 7 wait to see the results of the current funding.
- 8 MR. COOPER: Okay, so just to clarify, currently
- 9 the way it is allocated, there is zero dollars for workforce
- 10 --
- MR. MIZUTANI: Yes.
- MR. COOPER: At this point -- for the 2010-2011
- 13 cycle.
- MR. MIZUTANI: Correct.
- 15 MR. COOPER: My suggest that you do not eliminate
- 16 a good thing, it is a lot of effort and collaboration that
- 17 has gone into the workforce side of it, and so my suggestion
- 18 would be that some money be allocated for workforce in the
- 19 2010-2011 cycle.
- 20 MR. KAZARIAN: Can I just quickly tap on to what
- 21 Peter said. I serve on the ETP panel and we just pushed out
- 22 our first dollars for workforce training and I know it is
- 23 going to good businesses out there, I saw their business
- 24 plans, and I think it would be a mistake to eliminate it
- 25 altogether, so I would agree with Peter on that point.

- 1 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Bonnie, and then we will go to
- 2 the phone. And then Roland -- oh, Mark.
- 3 MS. HOLMES-GEN: Yeah, I just wanted to ask a
- 4 question about the electric drive category. And I
- 5 appreciate that you have a large percentage of funding in
- 6 that category, and I think that is appropriate, in fact, I
- 7 think it possibly could be a little larger, and I am
- 8 wondering, you know, I know that in terms of the light-duty
- 9 side of this, it seems like the thinking is that is going to
- 10 be handled through ARB's 118 component in terms of
- 11 incentives for the deployment of light-duty vehicles, but I
- 12 just wanted to check in on that, and so how are we handling
- 13 the light-duty piece of this, what expectation is there for
- 14 funding through the ARB in the next year for that piece, and
- 15 is there funding needed for technology development, battery
- 16 development, that could be put into the CEC side to enhance
- 17 this category?
- MR. MIZUTANI: In terms of the light-duty area,
- 19 ARB has funds for that, and we broached the topic of whether
- 20 it would be beneficial to have additional funding. But at
- 21 this time, what ARB is looking at to see what is -- I guess
- 22 what is the demand for those funds.
- MS. HOLMES-GEN: So you are planning to go through
- 24 this one cycle -- it is just -- yeah, maybe you could jump
- 25 in.

1 M	ΊR.	PANSON:	We	are	definitely	, a	qain	, working

- 2 closely on that category, and as you I am sure remember,
- 3 Bonnie, and others may or may not know, we have allocated
- 4 about \$4 million to light-duty rebates in our first funding
- 5 plan, that program is actually just getting off the ground,
- 6 and we are going to do a consumer launch here in the next
- 7 month. We started workshops for our second funding plan.
- 8 We have not gotten to specific dollar figures yet, but we
- 9 have clearly indicated the plan to continue that type of
- 10 program. When we took it to the Board last year, we
- 11 presented it as, you know, we are looking to do multiple
- 12 years of funding here. And so we are going to make a second
- 13 investment likely this year. At some point, the number of
- 14 vehicles coming to market is going to probably out-strip
- 15 what we can fund with our money alone and we have been
- 16 talking to the Energy Commission about combining funds at
- 17 that point, and it is just a matter of when we are going to
- 18 get to that point, and I think our initial assessment is it
- 19 is likely not in this plan, but if I can look in the crystal
- 20 ball a year from now, I think we will be talking about some
- 21 kind of a joint effort. So it is something that we are
- 22 thinking about, we are on top of, I just think we have not
- 23 hit that uptick in demand quite yet.
- MS. BAKER BROWNSTETTER: Is that for just vehicle
- 25 purchases? Or does that include infrastructure and fueling

- 1 stations?
- 2 MR. PANSON: Good question. When you are talking
- 3 about the ARB money, it is just vehicle purchases. Our
- portion of the statute does not actually include 4
- 5 infrastructure, we just fund vehicles and equipment.
- 6 infrastructure does come exclusively on the Energy
- 7 Commission side, and there is an infrastructure investment
- 8 in last year's plan and this year's draft plan.
- 9 MS. HOLMES-GEN: I guess just the other question
- 10 was if you had looked at other technology development
- related to light-duty and electric vehicles, battery and 11
- 12 plug-in.
- 13 MR. MIZUTANI: Not in this Investment Plan. If
- 14 there is one that you know of, we would be happy to hear
- 15 about it.
- 16 MS. HOLMES-GEN: Well, I will think about how to
- 17 get back to you on that.
- 18 MR. MIZUTANI: Thank you.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BOYD: All right, folks on the phone,
- 20 I promised you an opportunity.
- 21 MR. SIMPSON: This is Harry Simpson. First, I
- 22 wanted to just make a quick comment to clarify something
- 23 earlier, then I have a question. With regards to air
- 24 quality standards, I apologize to Bonnie for not perhaps
- 25 making a clear attack on this, which I think everyone on the

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- 2 represent on the biomass-based diesel industry recognize the
- 3 need not to backslide on any air quality standard as it
- 4 relates to the fuel itself, the production process, or the
- 5 deployment technology; however, I would like to point out
- 6 that ARB has not depleted its multi-media study on the air
- 7 quality impact of specifically bio-diesel, this is still
- 8 underway, and one of the reasons why is that ARB is
- 9 considering a fairly large volume of published research from
- 10 the likes of NREL and Southwest Research Institute that
- 11 shows, you know, negligible to zero  $NO_x$  impact as it relates
- 12 to lower level blends of V-20 and less biomass-based diesel.
- 13 So that was my comment. My question, it is really for the
- 14 Commission, I was wondering if you can tell the Committee
- 15 here, what are the metrics for determining the effectiveness
- 16 and impact of the various allocations for the different
- 17 categories, and I guess specifically can the Commission show
- 18 the Committee, what are the expected results for VHG
- 19 reduction and petroleum displacement, specifically for the
- 20 investments in each category?
- 21 MR. MIZUTANI: Well, I quess one thing to state up
- 22 front, in terms of the categories and the allocations, they
- 23 are not based upon any analytic methodology in coming up
- 24 with a precise number. What the method is, sort of using
- 25 what the goals are, first being the GHG emission reduction,

- 1 and then after that, you know, other goals, and then finally
- 2 sort of what the current state of the market is in terms of
- 3 potential, and so it is more of a qualitative analysis
- 4 rather than a quantitative, so do not look at these numbers
- 5 as if they were rigorously developed.
- 6 MR. SIMPSON: Well, Chuck, in response to that, I
- 7 think it goes back to something I brought up earlier and,
- 8 you know, we broke for lunch and said we would address it
- 9 afterwards, which is what are the criteria for allocations,
- 10 and you are saying there is no precise methodology, that,
- 11 you know, first and foremost, you are using the goals for
- 12 GHG, so it applies that you -- I mean, are you telling me
- 13 that -- it would imply that you would have a way to measure
- 14 the impact -- if you are going to spend a million dollars on
- 15 X, you know, what is the GHG impact of that? And if your
- 16 second criteria is potential for implementation, I would
- 17 argue, then, perhaps your allocations do not really reflect
- 18 what is truly implementable and what has the biggest bang
- 19 for the buck when it comes to GHG reduction in the next five
- 20 to 10 years.
- 21 MR. MIZUTANI: First off, in terms of --
- MR. SIMPSON: And I would certainly think it would
- 23 be helpful, if you go through the exercise, and I am sure
- 24 the Commission has the brain power and you have got the
- 25 carbon production numbers from CARB, you have pulled

- 1 together some numbers recently in Appendix A as part of that
- 2 vision study, you have got the Cal CARB data, which looking
- 3 at some of your vehicle penetration numbers, I do not know
- 4 if it necessarily agrees with it, but I think there is
- 5 certainly a way to measure the anticipated GHG reduction and
- 6 the petroleum displacement for the investments in each
- 7 category. And if you have not gone through that exercise, I
- 8 think the Commission is really not living up to its
- 9 responsibility to try to allocate the dollars in a way that
- 10 is consistent with the policy objectives.
- 11 MR. MIZUTANI: What you are suggesting is
- 12 basically what we did. If you look at the report, one of
- 13 the first things that we did was we looked at what the goals
- 14 would be in various future years, and particular for us is
- 15 2020 and 2050. Based upon what those GHG reduction goals
- 16 were, we then developed scenarios to identify what would be
- 17 needed from -- what could be possible and what would be
- 18 needed from each of the alternative fuel categories, and we
- 19 ran a scenario. And that scenario basically served as a
- 20 quide for us to focus in on what type of funding what be
- 21 needed in each of these categories.
- MR. SIMPSON: Well, I would like to see some more
- 23 details on those scenarios, because if you look at -- it is
- 24 hard for me to imagine that you can come up with an accurate
- 25 scenario for 2050 if your scenario for 2020 is perhaps

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- 2 vehicle penetration does not -- what you show in Appendix A
- 3 does not reflect the consumer preference data that was
- 4 picked up in the Cal CARB Study through 2020. You know, if
- 5 you look at GHG impact, even for 2020, in looking at the
- 6 implementation schedule for what is really feasible from
- 7 where we stand today, sitting here in 2010, i.e., in the
- 8 next 10 years, it is hard to see where Hydrogen is going to
- 9 have that GHG impact.
- 10 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: Maybe I will make a comment
- 11 here. This is Commissioner Eggert. I think we should also
- 12 be careful that these are scenarios, they are not
- 13 predictions, and I would say that there is some at least
- 14 attempt here to do some quantification of future potential
- 15 savings. There is also the actual sort of the near term
- 16 calculation of carbon intensity on a per unit of energy
- 17 delivered basis suggested for the energy efficiency of the
- 18 vehicles, so if you look at, for example, on page A9 for the
- 19 gasoline substitutes and A10 for the diesel substitutes,
- 20 there is at least there a quantification basis on the per-
- 21 unit of energy delivered by the fuel. I would suggest that
- 22 there is an opportunity here to improve upon what has been
- 23 done, and I was heartened, if we go back to a previous
- 24 conversation about the investment in the technical
- 25 assistance component, which includes market and technical

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- 2 more rigorous basis, on a fuel-by-fuel basis, as well. So I
- 3 think your points are well taken, although I would suggest
- 4 that some of what you are suggesting has been done. Of
- 5 course, everything can always be done better and I think
- 6 that is the intent.
- 7 MR. SIMPSON: But, I mean, I am not suggesting no
- 8 work has been, I would like to see the work that has been
- 9 done in a little bit more detail than what is provided in
- 10 Appendix A, but I think the issue is, you know, the
- 11 allocations from the first Investment Plan and the second
- 12 Investment Plan, if you actually try to measure penetration,
- 13 you know, numbers of vehicles, how much fuel is going to get
- 14 used, and measure that against petroleum displacement and
- 15 GHG reduction, the dollars do not add up to the relative
- 16 impact. It is a fence of how do you measure bang for the
- 17 buck.
- 18 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: Are you suggesting in terms
- 19 of the actual displaced fuel over the period of the
- 20 investment, or what its potential is to have an impact on?
- 21 MR. SIMPSON: Let's just look at the investment
- 22 dollars. For instance, if you fund a Hydrogen fuel station
- 23 that has -- that cost \$1.5 million, that can only sustain at
- 24 most between 80-100 vehicles, what is the petroleum
- 25 displacement and GHG impact of that vs. making a similar

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- 2 blending of alternative fuels, now giving an alternative
- 3 fuel type that has an 86:60 percent carbon reduction on a
- 4 per mega joule basis per the CARB data. That is what I mean
- 5 by bang for the buck.
- 6 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: Right. I think we have some
- 7 comments here on the table. Go ahead, Dan.
- 8 MR. EMMETT: This is Dan Emmett. I think you
- 9 cannot just look at it in a static way for one station, we
- 10 have to look out towards 2050 and the ultimate benefit that
- 11 will get by beginning to tackle the barriers that exist
- 12 today with lack of infrastructure, whether it is Hydrogen or
- 13 whether it is electric drive. We have to plant trees, seeds
- 14 today for trees that will grow and bear fruit in the 2050
- 15 time frame that will get us to our 80 percent goal. So I
- 16 think we need a longer time frame and recognize that these
- 17 investments need to be made today.
- 18 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: Yeah, I would just reiterate
- 19 something I said at the beginning which, again, we are
- 20 really a bit player in this game, you know, we are trying to
- 21 see the market here and, to ultimately achieve any real
- 22 impact on GHG is going to require a much much larger
- 23 investment from the private sector, so any -- I think it is
- 24 a mistake to kind of look at the specific per dollar amounts
- 25 and just look at that particular investment and how it

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- 2 have to look at that investment in the context of what the
- 3 potential investment will accrue from the private sector and
- 4 over, as Mr. Emmett said, the long term, what is going to
- 5 have the maximum impact on our GHG and petroleum goals.
- 6 MR. COLEMAN: To echo Harry's question, though, do
- 7 we have a methodology for calculating that, or thinking
- 8 about that in some way? Because it sounds like we are
- 9 making assumptions about a dollar today invested in, say,
- 10 Hydrogen infrastructure is going to lead to reductions in,
- 11 say, 2040. But do we have a way of actually thinking
- 12 through the potential there?
- 13 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: Who was speaking there?
- MR. COLEMAN: Sorry, it is Will Coleman.
- 15 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: Yeah, I guess I would invite
- 16 comment from the staff, but, again, I think that is exactly
- 17 what we are talking about, is looking at scenarios,
- 18 plausible scenarios for future penetration of different
- 19 vehicle and fuel types, and what that would accrue in terms
- 20 of fuel savings and greenhouse gas benefits.
- 21 MR. COLEMAN: Why not come up with a -- you know,
- 22 Chuck said there is no precise methodology, and I understand
- 23 that is very difficult, but at least take a stab at some
- 24 sort of a weighting system where you can really weight that
- 25 potential for implementation. You are also saying that

- 1 there is a need to send a signal to the private sector, and
- 2 that has got to have some weight. An impact on GHG
- 3 reduction in the near term, medium, and long-term, there
- 4 must be some way to do it in a way that is a little less
- 5 than a stab in the air is kind of the feeling that I am
- 6 getting is where we are at today.
- 7 MR. MIZUTANI: Will, I apologize for leaving that
- 8 impression with my statement. I was not saying that we
- 9 stabbed in the air, we have a methodology that is
- 10 quantitative, but you cannot -- I would not use it as a
- 11 forecast, I would use it as a guide or informational, that
- 12 was the point I was trying to make.
- 13 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: Yeah, and I think another
- 14 table to take a look at would be on page 83, which is,
- 15 again, not a forecast, a scenario, that suggests an estimate
- 16 of GHG reductions in 2020 and 2050. And, again, I think
- 17 here is another place where we would benefit from input from
- 18 the advisory committee as to whether or not they do think
- 19 that these scenarios are plausible, if there is other
- 20 information, analysis out there by CALCARS. I know there
- 21 has been quite a bit of work done on this by organizations
- 22 like Oakridge, UC Davis, UC Berkeley, Stanford, and others.
- 23 But I think a lot of this was derived, at least initially,
- 24 from a lot of the work done on that AB 1007 report, so this
- 25 is sort of an evolution from that effort, as well.

1	MR. COLEMAN: This is Will again. So I think it
2	is sort of interesting because I think Harry is touching on
3	something that we spent a lot of time debating in the last
4	go-round. And I guess, you know, the concern I have is
5	that, even though these are not hard and fast methodologies
6	for assessing where we should be putting these dollars, it
7	seems that a lot of the impact, or a lot of the outcomes are
8	being set in stone by where we do, in fact, allocate these
9	dollars at the top level, so whether we choose to put \$22
10	million into Hydrogen, or \$14 million into biofuels, or what
11	have you. And so I guess the question is, how do we go
12	about doing this more effectively? Or how do we go about
13	getting a little more certainty around those allocations or
14	how we want to allocate those dollars to technologies, or
15	should we think a little bit differently about how we define
16	those categories and allow some of these technologies to
17	compete so we can actually apply the methodologies that we
18	are currently applying at a very granular level, so we are
19	doing it at the sort of subcategory level when you are
20	talking about different fuel options competing against each
21	other, you know, in terms of biofuel production, or are you
22	talking about infrastructure options competing against each
23	other. But it feels a little like we need to create a
24	system that allows us to either do that evaluation before we
25	do the allocations, or we need to create a system that

- 1 allows these technologies to more broadly compete against
- 2 each other based on the metrics that we are setting out as
- 3 the priorities of AB 118. So if our priorities are
- 4 greenhouse gas reductions, or job creation, or
- 5 sustainability, or you name it, then it does feel like we
- 6 need -- at the very least, we need some sort of accounting
- 7 of how each of these technologies and the dollars being
- 8 deployed against them ends up in the near term, and where we
- 9 are going in the long-term, and more ideally it seems like
- 10 we should have a way of actually having these different
- 11 technologies compete against each other.
- MR. SIMPSON: Is it feasible in light of what Will
- 13 is saying to have -- and maybe you already have something
- 14 like this -- some sort of a decision matrix where you can
- 15 sort of look at these factors and have some idea on how to
- 16 weigh it? You know, one case in point is 2020, 2050, I
- 17 think pretty much everyone would agree that a forecast or a
- 18 series of scenarios that you could come up with 2020
- 19 probably has a higher probability of accuracy by an order of
- 20 magnitude than whatever you are trying to come up with for
- 21 2050. So to weight the ultra long-term of 2050 equally with
- 22 the near term of 2020 seems to be fairly problematic in
- 23 light of just the nature of trying to make the forecast and
- 24 make those bets today.
- COMMISSIONER BOYD: Okay, I think we have taken

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- 2 and I guess we will have to weigh that as we continue to
- 3 work on this plan. Was there anyone else on the phone
- 4 before I go to Roland, who is next in the queue? Roland.
- 5 Then Mark, then John, I guess.
- 6 MR. HWANG: Thank you, Commissioner. Just two
- 7 quick points and then a question. First of all, let me see
- 8 if I understood Commissioner Eggert's question, correct
- 9 feedback on the Table 81 of the 2050 kind of breakdown where
- 10 our emissions reduction is going to come from, I would say
- 11 in terms of our ability to come up with all these things, to
- 12 me it looks roughly about right. And to the extent that we
- 13 do believe -- my organization believes that 2050 should be a
- 14 very key guiding post in terms of how we allocate funds in
- 15 the near term, notwithstanding that we do have the 2020
- 16 targets in terms of the public dollars, we think it is
- 17 appropriate to look at the 2050 kind of timeframe; and the
- 18 table that we have here looks, very roughly speaking, to be
- 19 about right, and it is probably the best that I can
- 20 certainly say in terms of decisions. The second point is in
- 21 regards to earlier comments about the focus and maybe the
- 22 disparity of focus on one class of fuels vs. the other
- 23 class. I would like to strongly support Jim McKinney's
- 24 earlier statements about the appropriateness of focusing on
- 25 biofuels because of some very, I believe, some very unique

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- 2 industry that fundamentally is using our natural systems as
- 3 its resource base, using a biogenic natural living system as
- 4 its resource base, raises some serious questions about
- 5 overall sustainability. So I think it is very well
- 6 justified as a focus on biofuels, not to say that other
- 7 fuels will not have some problem, but I think that there is
- 8 a general consensus, and I think that 118, as well as the
- 9 Federal RFS2, which does have renewable biomass definitions
- 10 which attempt to get at this issue, I think both of those
- 11 pieces of legislation does reflect a concern by the public
- 12 that we need to move forward very carefully in this biofuels
- 13 space. So I just wanted to, again, support the focus by the
- 14 Energy Commission staff on biofuels, not to say that we
- 15 should not look at other fuels. The focus should be, I
- 16 think, in the near term on biofuels. The question that I
- 17 have is related to, I think, a point that was raised earlier
- 18 today about funding mechanisms. And the question I have for
- 19 you, Chuck, you mentioned loan programs perhaps you are
- 20 working on with the State Treasury, I believe you said. It
- 21 does seem to me in terms of trying to leverage public
- 22 dollars, and perhaps potentially maybe a 10:1 leverage ratio
- 23 between a grant program and a loan program for every \$10
- 24 million, for example, that we put into a grant for biofuel
- 25 facilities, if we turn that into a loan guarantee program,

- 1 you could perhaps put \$100 million of capital available to
- such facilities. So it seems like there is a tremendous 2
- potential here, and it does seem to me a pretty critical 3
- financial leverage point in order to extend the state's -- I 4
- 5 agree with Commissioner Eggert -- we are a bit player here.
- 6 So can you tell us a little bit more about efforts and what
- 7 is the potential for creating kind of a more robust
- 8 guaranteed loan program out of these 118 funds?
- 9 MR. MIZUTANI: So working with the Treasurer's
- 10 Office, what they have identified is more funding to, I
- 11 think, increase the confidence of the lending institution is
- what they are seeing as the need for funds, not necessary 12
- 13 that the funds will be used to get a bond offering and
- 14 things like that. So I think the leveraging that you are
- 15 talking about probably is like that, but in terms of how we
- are planning to use our funds, it would be in other types of 16
- 17 lending mechanisms, not really necessarily loan guarantees
- 18 or straight out loans.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Is that it Roland? Or do you
- 20 want to react to that?
- 21 MR. HWANG: Well, I am just wondering, can there
- be more focus, I guess. I mean, what is the potential --22
- 23 and are there other barriers particular to creating a larger
- 24 more substantial guaranteed loan program if it is in the
- 25 grant programs? Is there any kind of specific reason why it

- 1 cannot be done, I quess, is the question.
- MR. MIZUTANI: No, there is no reason why it
- 3 cannot be done, but I think it has been our discussions with
- 4 the Treasurer's Office, it seems as if the better use is
- 5 through these other mechanisms. The other question -- I
- 6 guess another aspect of this is the \$10 million -- right
- 7 now, what we do not know is, you know, what projects are out
- 8 there, and based upon I think this current solicitation with
- 9 our funds, we hopefully would find out what amount of
- 10 proposals are really revenue-generating proposals, and if
- 11 that is the case, then you will see a higher percentage of
- 12 that \$10 million being directed to those type of projects.
- 13 Right now, we do not know really what the break-out really
- 14 is in terms of grants vs. loans.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Mark.
- MR. LEARY: Thank you, Commissioner Boyd. I guess
- 17 I am going to shift the conversation a little bit back up to
- 18 40,000 feet and speak something that I think you two
- 19 Commissioners have heard, particularly from my organization,
- 20 involved with the California solid waste stream for the last
- 21 20 years, is the former California Air Waste Management
- 22 Board has been -- we have changed California's perspective
- 23 on good solid waste as one from something we need to dispose
- 24 of to something that now can be considered a resource, and I
- 25 think some of that is reflected in this document. And we

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- 2 California's thinking in that regard. We have had great
- 3 inroads and a very cooperative working relationship with the
- 4 Air Resources Board, and them coming to appreciate the
- 5 benefit of greenhouse gas reductions by alternative ways of
- 6 measuring California solid waste and alternative ways of
- 7 thinking about products at their end of life, endorsing
- 8 thoughts like product stewardship, and the greenhouse gas
- 9 benefits that are appreciated as a result of that.
- 10 Similarly, I think there is an opportunity here to start to
- 11 think about the waste stream as a resource for energy and
- 12 alternative fuels. And I think it is useful to note and to
- 13 add to part of the education that 70 percent of the material
- 14 still going to landfills in California are carbon-based, and
- 15 the California Biomass Collaborative has analyzed that and
- 16 suggested the potential to produce Ethanol and other liquid
- 17 fuels from this landfill material, it is estimated to be
- 18 equivalent to about 300 million gallons of gasoline. And we
- 19 think that, in concert with the idea that using the
- 20 California waste stream as a basis or a resource for fuel
- 21 contributes to the Low Carbon Fuel Standard, many of these
- 22 materials will contribute to a reduction in carbon intensity
- 23 of fuels, and as suggested earlier, have tremendous benefits
- 24 to the AB 32 Scoping Plan. But beyond that, I think the
- 25 industry around California's solid waste is primed and ready

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- 2 look for ways to make air contributions and to enhance their
- 3 revenue by creating fuels. And I would like to speak simply
- 4 to the idea that there is passing mention by the staff about
- 5 references to municipal solid waste stream as a potential
- 6 source, and I would like to suggest, as an advisor to the
- 7 Energy Commission in this capacity, that that passing
- 8 reference be made a little clearer and with a little more
- 9 emphasis. There is a specific language that we will suggest
- 10 in a letter to the Commissioners here in the next couple of
- 11 weeks to suggest how that language might be modified, but a
- 12 clear explicit mention of the organic fraction of the solid
- 13 waste stream as a source material for biofuels, particularly
- 14 Ethanol, biodiesel, and biomethane, I think, will provide
- 15 the clarity that the applicants can bring and we will
- 16 provide them the opportunity to fund it. And we would like
- 17 for the applicants from that industry to be clear on the
- 18 potential to get some of this money.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Well, Mark, thank you. Your
- 20 points are well received. And we definitely want to
- 21 communicate loud and clear in that arena. As you know, your
- 22 agency and ours, and the Air Board, and others have worked
- 23 for the better part of the last decade trying to stimulate
- 24 this arena, and we do have the Bioenergy Interagency Working
- 25 Group with its two thrusts, biopower and biofuels,

- 1 struggling to knock down all the hurdles, legislative and
- 2 otherwise, that stand in the way of better utilization of
- 3 that waste stream for energy. So any words that you supply
- 4 that are going to help improve the message, or make the
- 5 message clearer, are well appreciated.
- 6 MR. LEARY: Thank you very much, Commissioner.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BOYD: John Shears.
- 8 MR. SHEARS: Yeah, I was going to comment back
- 9 when we were in the throes of a conversation with Hydrogen,
- 10 so I will yield my time back to the floor.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Tom?
- 12 MR. CACKETTE: Process question. Do we have a
- 13 five-minute period or is that later? I was thinking maybe I
- 14 missed out.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Well, we kind of, I think,
- 16 Commissioner Eggert and I discussed this before lunch, that
- 17 we were already blending just the plan presentation with a
- 18 lot of the discussion, but we were just discussing the fact
- 19 that we do have to ascertain if any folks here really did
- 20 come prepared to make a specific presentation and give them
- 21 their five minutes. So I do not think we have gotten to the
- 22 five minutes yet, but we better --
- MR. CACKETTE: That is five minutes for the
- 24 Committee members, right?
- 25 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Individually, right.

- 1 MR. CACKETTE: Right, well, I do have something to
- 2 say at that, so I just wanted to make sure I had not missed
- 3 my chance.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Well, let's just see if
- 5 Shannon has a question.
- 6 MS. BAKER BROWNSTETTER: I was just going to do
- 7 the same.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BOYD: And, Pete, is that where you
- 9 were coming from, as well? Or do you have a question?
- 10 Because you are the one I do know has a presentation you
- 11 want to make.
- MR. PRICE: No, I do not have a presentation, but
- 13 I was going to say if -- so I do not know if it is now.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BOYD: First let's just make sure we
- 15 got all the questions answered, and it appears that
- 16 everybody's card is up now to get into the five-minute
- 17 period, so let me declare the five minutes opened.
- MS. BAKER BROWNSTETTER: Are you just going to go
- 19 around? Or --
- 20 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Did I hear noise on the phone.
- 21 Is there a question out there?
- 22 MR. SIMPSON: A quick question. What happens --
- 23 this is Harry Simpson -- what happens to the '09, the first
- 24 Investment Plan monies, if they are not allocated? What
- 25 happens to those monies? Do they automatically get added to

- 1 the 2010 numbers for that category? Or what do you do in
- 2 that case?
- 3 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Well, I think we had a brief
- 4 discussion of that this morning, but in this program we have
- 5 an extra added period of time to encumber the funds, and I
- 6 think it is the organization's objective to let no funds not
- 7 get used within the plan, the Investment Plan, that provided
- 8 for them. So we are not yet in a position where we
- 9 anticipate any money not being spent within that which is
- 10 appropriated by the Legislature, which is less than the
- 11 original designs for the program, by the way. So we have
- 12 not faced that dilemma yet, so there is no roll-over or
- 13 anything. We at present, to the best I can tell, see that
- 14 we are going to fully utilize the funds that were made
- 15 available in the first Investment Plan, which actually cross
- 16 two fiscal years, so you are talking about four or maybe
- 17 three years, in total, while this plan just gets into what
- 18 we intend to do with that money that we hope is appropriated
- 19 in the forthcoming budget.
- 20 MS. HOLMES-GEN: Just a process question, this is
- 21 Bonnie Holmes-Gen. Were we going to see any additional
- 22 slides?
- 23 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Yes. It just dawned on me
- 24 that, Mr. Smith, you do have that -- I keep calling it a
- 25 side-by-side, but is this an appropriate time before we get

- 1 into everybody's five minutes to pass out your paperwork and
- 2 flash the slide? I think before we get into everybody's
- 3 prepared, or everyone's five-minute time, let's fulfill that
- 4 commitment.
- 5 MR. MIZUTANI: Commissioner Boyd, in terms of
- 6 Roland's questions about the State Treasurer's Office, were
- 7 you saying you thought we would be using the money as a
- 8 loan? Or in another use in terms of allowing the private
- 9 institutions to have a better comfort level in terms of
- 10 providing them loans, and let them do what they do best?
- 11 MR. HWANG: I think the quick answer is that, when
- 12 it comes to financing, far outside my expertise -- I pay my
- 13 mortgage on a monthly basis, but that is kind of where my
- 14 financial skills begin and end -- but I think the question I
- 15 had really was, I mean, is there a way to use the 118 funds
- 16 in a way to kind of leverage that into, I do not know if it
- 17 is through the State Treasury or through some other
- 18 mechanisms, but is there an ability to -- it does seem like
- 19 dollar for dollar, you might be able to put -- leverage more
- 20 new investments, you could turn that into a loan, you know,
- 21 a 10:1 kind of a ratio, grant vs. guaranteed loan. Now, I
- 22 do not know the answer to the question in terms of a
- 23 project-by-project basis, is it better to provide it as
- 24 grants, or better to provide it as loans, but you know, it
- 25 does seem to me that, given a lot of what we have seen at

- 1 the federal level, a lot of these monies have been handed
- 2 out as loans, and it does seem to be -- with the battery
- 3 manufacturers to the Teslas and Fiskars of the world, so it
- 4 does seem to be kind of an effective mechanism to leverage
- 5 small amounts of public dollars. I guess that is the
- 6 question.
- 7 MR. MIZUTANI: In terms of Treasurer's Office, we
- 8 are not talking about any kind of grants or anything like
- 9 that, it really is the sort of seed fund to allow loans to
- 10 be secured by the entity. The grants, when I talk about
- 11 grants, it is all outside of the Treasurer's Office, that
- 12 would be here at the Commission. And those would be used to
- 13 fund feasibility studies and maybe demonstration projects.
- 14 But when you talk about revenue generating, it is loans, but
- 15 it is how best to structure those loan mechanisms to get
- 16 loans in the hands of the revenue generating developer.
- MR. HWANG: Okay, thank you.
- 18 MR. WARD: We really did not anticipate accruing a
- 19 loan loss reserve and guaranteeing loans, and so the
- 20 commercial -- basically that is what is stifled in the
- 21 commercial sphere for banking. We can provide a loan loss
- 22 reserve and therefore a loan guarantee that gives people
- 23 better surety to go ahead and make those loans, basically.
- MR. HWANG: Okay, got it, got it. That is
- 25 helpful.

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- 2 structure you are currently using? Or no? You are just
- 3 making direct loans, or you are doing a loan guarantee?
- 4 MR. WARD: Well, we are going to use different
- 5 mechanisms, but the loan guarantee is one that is
- 6 particularly attractive to us at this point, because we can
- 7 leverage our money there.
- 8 MR. SIMPSON: And so do you have to do the
- 9 credit/loss rating for all of these companies, as well?
- 10 MR. WARD: No. That is going to be done by the
- 11 State Treasurer's Office through their commercial bank
- 12 network that they have.
- 13 MR. SIMPSON: Thanks.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Okay, let's go to the
- 15 spreadsheet. Has everybody had a chance to take a look at
- 16 Mike, did you intend any brief presentation or just
- 17 respond to questions?
- 18 MR. MIZUTANI: So what we have done is we have
- 19 broken out the funding by the subcategories within each of
- 20 the fuel categories, and so the Investment Plan allocations
- 21 are the allocations from the last Investment Plan.
- 22 then, moving to the right, the first encumbrance was through
- 23 interagencies contracts and you will see in that column the
- 24 \$600,000 with DGS, and that has been encumbered and
- 25 invoiced. Then, in terms of the workforce development, we

- 1 have encumbered \$9 million in two interagencies, one with
- 2 EDD for \$4.5 million, and the other one is with the
- 3 Community Colleges for \$4.5 million, and we are in the
- 4 process of developing an interagency agreement with ETP for
- 5 \$6 million. Four million dollars under Standards and
- 6 Certification is the interagency that we are developing with
- 7 the Department of Food and Agriculture, their Division of
- 8 Measurements and Standards to look at Hydrogen
- 9 standardization at fueling stations. And then the \$1
- 10 million has been encumbered and that was through a
- 11 competitive process and it is to provide technical
- 12 assistance to the Energy Commission staff. The next column
- 13 is the awards that we secured through the ARRA
- 14 solicitations. You have \$9 million -- and all of the ARRA
- 15 projects are awards and we are in the process of negotiating
- 16 grant agreements with the awardees right now, so there has
- 17 been no funds that have been encumbered at this moment. But
- 18 if you look under the electric drive medium and heavy duty
- 19 demos, there is \$9 million that have been identified under
- 20 ARRA, which basically leaves a million dollars which is part
- 21 of the medium- and heavy-duty demo solicitation. You have
- 22 \$8.8 million under charging stations, which leaves \$3.2
- 23 million of which we have put in the fueling infrastructure
- 24 that is looking at natural gas, E-85, and electric charge.
- 25 This is a solicitation where we received proposals and we

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- 2 dollars under Manufacturing, that one, I believe, is from
- 3 ARPA-E and I think that is a company called Envia, so we at
- 4 this point are in negotiations with Envia in terms of trying
- 5 to enter into a grant agreement with them. And that leaves
- 6 \$8 million in that category. And we are in the process --
- 7 and so what you will see is, on the right it shows the
- 8 funding mechanism that we are developing, that we have not
- 9 released yet, but that \$8 million under Manufacturing would
- 10 be going into the vehicle and Vehicle Code Manufacturing
- 11 Incentives solicitation, hopefully it could be out soon.
- 12 And E-85, that \$5 million, \$4 million of that was through
- 13 the ARRA project, and I believe that is for E-85 stations in
- 14 Southern California, which leaves a million dollars, which
- 15 we will be -- we have put into the fueling infrastructure
- 16 solicitation where we are doing proposals now. On Ethanol
- 17 Feasibility Studies, there is \$3 million, that \$3 million
- 18 will go into one of the three solicitations that we are
- 19 working with at the Treasurer's Office. And what Mike
- 20 wanted me to do is specifically that is going to the
- 21 existing Ethanol production incentive -- for production
- 22 incentives. Then, on the New Waste Feedstock Plants, those
- 23 will also be going into that category. On the biodiesel and
- 24 renewable, the Waste Feedstock Plants, we are in the process
- of releasing a solicitation and the \$2 million would be in

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- 2 that is part of the Fueling Infrastructure solicitation
- 3 currently that we are reviewing proposals on. For Natural
- 4 Gas Light-Duty Vehicles, we are moving those funds into our
- 5 new Biofuel Production Plant solicitation that hopefully we
- 6 will be releasing soon. The \$23 million for medium- and
- 7 heavy-duty, \$11.5 million has been ARRA awarded, leaving
- 8 \$11.5 million, which we are putting into the biomethane
- 9 production solicitation. And, again, we have received
- 10 proposals and we are in the review process for those. In
- 11 the Fueling Stations, there were \$2.4 million under ARRA,
- 12 and the remaining \$5.6 million is in the Fueling
- 13 Infrastructure solicitation where we are reviewing
- 14 proposals, currently. And then, for Biomethane, we have had
- 15 the \$10 million plus the \$11.5 from the medium- and heavy-
- 16 duty vehicle and natural gas for combined \$21.5 million in
- 17 that solicitation. And we are, again, reviewing proposals
- 18 at this time. For the Propane area, there is \$2 million and
- 19 that is going into a solicitation that we are developing for
- 20 the propane school busses. For Hydrogen, the \$40 million,
- 21 \$22 million is going to the Hydrogen fueling stations and
- 22 the remainder is being right now split up in the New Biofuel
- 23 Production Plants solicitation, as well as the vehicle
- 24 manufacturing solicitation. And those are being worked on
- 25 and hopefully will be out soon. Workforce Development, \$15

- 1 million, it has been identified and we are continuing to try
- 2 to encumber those funds for workforce development and
- 3 related activities. Standards for Certification, the \$4
- 4 million, it is with the DMS. In terms of Public Outreach
- 5 and Education, about \$550,000 was awarded through ARRA,
- 6 leaving \$450,000. And those will be put into the New
- 7 Biofuel Production Plants, as well, new production plants.
- 8 Sustainability, we got \$4 million and those will be spread
- 9 between the New Sustainability Studies, as well as the New
- 10 Biofuel Production Plants. The Environmental Market
- 11 Technology Analysis, that \$2 million we are looking at
- 12 trying to enter into agreements with the National Renewable
- 13 Energy Lab, as well as the UC Irvine to develop their street
- 14 model. And finally, the Technical Assistance, like I said,
- 15 we have encumbered that money and it is being used to
- 16 provide us with support.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Any questions? Still
- 18 digesting.
- 19 MS. HOLMES-GEN: Assuming there will be no
- 20 problems, but if for some reasons these funds are not fully
- 21 expended, they will roll-over into the next Plan?
- 22 COMMISSIONER BOYD: There is no roll-over
- 23 provision. If we do not get them out in a two-year time
- 24 period, we lose them. So we will get them out.
- MR. SIMPSON: Would you consider, if you do not

- 1 award all the monies in a given category or solicitation,
- 2 putting out another solicitation?
- 3 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Yes. Believe me, if for some
- 4 reason it will not work in some area, it will get moved to
- 5 an area that it will work and we will get them out the door.
- 6 MR. SIMPSON: I only ask that because I know some
- 7 folks on the biomass-based diesel fueling infrastructure
- 8 stuff and hoped to have the solicitation extended by a month
- 9 or two, and I do not think that happened at the end. You
- 10 extended it, I think, by two weeks. So I know there are
- 11 some stakeholders who have proposals that they would like to
- 12 get in, but could not make the cut-off given the short
- 13 notification period.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Not much I can say there.
- 15 Pete and then Tom.
- 16 MR. PRICE: Clarification. So these three
- 17 columns, Fueling Infrastructure, Biomethane, and Production
- 18 Plants, did you say for those three columns you have
- 19 proposals in and they are under review?
- 20 MR. MIZUTANI: Yeah. These three solicitations
- 21 were posted with the due date for proposals on January 25<sup>th</sup>.
- MR. PRICE: Right, okay.
- MR. MIZUTANI: So we have received those.
- 24 MR. EMMETT: It seems like there was \$2 million
- 25 unaccounted for that maybe I am not finding from the light-

- 1 duty natural gas vehicles, you said that was going into the
- 2 new biofuel production plant solicitation?
- 3 MR. MIZUTANI: Yes.
- 4 MR. EMMETT: So wouldn't that be \$23.5 million? Or
- 5 am I not --
- 6 MR. MIZUTANI: That is a different solicitation.
- 7 That is a solicitation that has not gone out yet.
- 8 MR. EMMETT: Okay, thanks.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Is that solicitation more
- 10 biomethane oriented?
- 11 MR. MIZUTANI: No, it is more -- it is biofuel.
- MR. HWANG: So can you clarify, it looks like
- 13 there is a lot of funds that are going to be put into this
- 14 new solicitation for biofuel production plants. Can you
- 15 give us a rough estimate, is there a way to estimate how big
- 16 that solicitation is going to be? And how much bigger than
- 17 what was in the plan. Yeah, I guess in general I am just
- 18 having a little hard time following the initial plan
- 19 allocations between all these different categories, and
- 20 where we are going to end up at the end of the day if we put
- 21 all these new solicitations back into the categories,
- 22 because it looks like money is being switched around between
- 23 categories. Am I following this right?
- MR. MIZUTANI: There has been some switching, but
- 25 the example is like the natural gas light-duty vehicles, we

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- 1 moved that into another category.
- 2 MR. HWANG: So if you had another spreadsheet and
- 3 you looked at what you project the total funding, say, for
- 4 electric drive category will be at the end of this next
- 5 round of solicitations and likewise for Ethanol, biodiesel
- 6 and renewable diesel, natural gas, etc. etc., is that a
- 7 spreadsheet you can create? I guess right now the question
- 8 is, with three solicitations on the street, where are we in
- 9 terms of comparing to the initial Investment Plan
- 10 allocations, and then where do we think we will be when we
- 11 finish with all the other solicitations. Does that make
- 12 sense?
- MR. MIZUTANI: Yeah. I think if you look at the
- 14 right column where the balance is going, the descriptor
- 15 should indicate -- would indicate if it is in -- what
- 16 category it would be in. So, as an example, for electric
- 17 drive, all the remaining funds are going to be put into
- 18 electric drive related activities.
- MR. HWANG: Okay.
- 20 MR. MIZUTANI: If you go to Ethanol, any remaining
- 21 funds would be going into an Ethanol-related area, and then
- 22 the same thing with the biodiesel, renewable diesel. When
- 23 you get up to natural gas, that one is more for biofuels,
- 24 rather than for natural gas. And then, when you go into
- 25 Hydrogen, primarily it is going to be Hydrogen, but also it

- 1 is -- some of those funds will be going into non-Hydrogen
- 2 such as biofuel and the vehicle and vehicle component
- 3 manufacturing incentives. These two do not necessarily
- 4 restrict proposals -- Hydrogen-type proposals -- but the
- 5 focus is definitely in other areas, either biofuels or in
- 6 terms of -- or electric drive, or hybrid type of vehicles.
- 7 And then, under Market Development, again, I think the only
- 8 difference is on sustainability, part of that money is going
- 9 into sort of a non-specific direct sustainability study. In
- 10 this case it is the new biofuel production plants.
- 11 MS. HOLMES-GEN: Can I just jump in? I really
- 12 appreciate the information, but I just have to support what
- 13 Roland is saying. I do not know how we can really provide
- 14 informed commentary and guidance to you without having the
- 15 kind of chart that Roland is suggesting because some of this
- 16 money, I mean, how much of the \$40 million from Hydrogen
- 17 will be going into new biofuel production? How much of the
- 18 natural gas money will be going into that? I feel like we
- 19 really need to have some general idea where we are going to
- 20 come out in terms of what these categories are going to look
- 21 like after the switching around of some of the funding to
- 22 understand the constraints that you are up against and the
- 23 realities and how things really are shaking out --
- MR. CACKETTE: If I could add -- exactly my
- 25 interest, too, because what it seems like is possibly a

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- 2 Ethanol production facilities, and the question is how much
- 3 more than the \$10 million we talked about before. And to
- 4 the extent it is more, it raises this issue about sort of
- 5 existing low reduction carbon approaches vs. the more
- 6 advanced high reduction carbon approaches, and what is the
- 7 money split, especially if now we have got \$20 million, for
- 8 example, or even more potentially than we have earlier
- 9 discussed, which was only \$10 million. So I think it really
- 10 makes that issue a much more pointed one that might benefit
- 11 from the various committees' numbers input.
- MR. SHEARS: Right, and so to what extent could
- 13 you elaborate on what existing Ethanol production incentives
- 14 really means in relation to, you know, the program trying to
- 15 facilitate either more efficient production of existing
- 16 facilities vs. new production processes that achieve the
- 17 greenhouse gas goals.
- 18 MR. MIZUTANI: I think one of the difficulties is
- 19 the funding is still in a state of flux and, as an example,
- 20 you know, when negotiating with ARRA awardees, there is not
- 21 necessarily a quarantee that we will enter into an agreement
- 22 with them for that exact amount of money. And so this is --
- 23 we are sort of in the process and we need to get guidance
- 24 from our Commissioners in identifying what the best use of
- 25 those funds are, if in fact we will not be able to use them

- 1 for their intended purposes. And so we are in a phase where
- it is an evolutionary type of phase, where we cannot really 2
- 3 say that these monies are set, except for the few cases
- where I identified in terms of the interagency agreements. 4
- 5 MR. HWANG: At what point do you think things will
- be clarified enough with the ARRA awards and other 6
- 7 solicitations where you might be able to provide a clearer
- 8 idea of where we are at in respect to the initial Investment
- 9 Plan?
- 10 MR. MIZUTANI: Well, for the ARRA awards, I would
- say -- I would hope -- and I am turning out to be 11
- 12 optimistic, as always -- is in the next one to two months.
- 13 But, again, it is dependent upon the progress that the
- 14 applicants have with the agencies, DOE, in particular. And
- 15 then, in terms of the three solicitations that we are
- 16 reviewing proposals on, you are talking about probably about
- 17 a month and a half to two and a half month period to get to
- 18 a point where we will have evaluated and scored them. So
- 19 there is certainty, but, again, it is still a couple -- few
- 20 months out.
- 21 MR. EMMETT: This is Daniel. But you know
- 22 already, for example, that you are moving \$18 million from
- 23 Hydrogen to Vehicle and Vehicle Manufacturing Incentives and
- 24 part of it to New Biofuel Production Plants. Is it going
- 25 even \$9 to \$9 -- \$9 million? Or have you determined that

<pre>1 yet? That is I think and you have already decide</pre>
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- 2 only \$22 is going to Hydrogen of that \$40, so presumably --
- 3 have you thought about how that is being --
- 4 MR. MIZUTANI: I think right now what we are
- 5 working on is basically a split, half and half.
- 6 MR. EMMETT: A split, okay. So that is part of
- 7 the -- that is almost all the way there, otherwise then you
- 8 have only got very little left after that.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BOYD: And one thing I want to say
- 10 here is the point that Chuck made about ARRA settling down,
- 11 and we have had a tough time with this because every couple
- 12 of weeks when the Committee sits down with the staff, there
- 13 has been some change in what ARRA is going to do. And there
- 14 has been, no, they are not going to make the algae
- 15 solicitation that they thought they were going to make, we
- 16 had set money aside for; or, yes, they are still considering
- 17 such and such, and I think there are still a few balls in
- 18 the air with regard to where money -- where there might be
- 19 money and where, therefore, it could go to meet kind of
- 20 current needs, so there is kind of a plus or minus some
- 21 small percentage, this is roughly where it seems to be
- 22 going. And I mean, I do not know if I can help a lot more
- 23 other than saying, you know, we respond to interest, we are
- 24 trying to do everything by solicitation as best as possible,
- 25 while still trying to figure out where ARRA is going with

- 1 their dollars, ever cognizant of the fact that we do want to
- 2 spend the money and not for all these good purposes, not
- 3 have any more targets for sweeping by the Legislature. In
- 4 fact, I -- Commissioner Eggert and I were talking about this
- 5 column that says "Balance of Funds" -- I do not want to see
- 6 that leave this room, quite frankly, that is not what it is,
- 7 as you all heard, those monies are spoken for, and if I were
- 8 a legislator or Department of Finance Analyst, I would say,
- 9 "Ah, there is \$73.5 million that we can take now," etc. etc.
- 10 So, in any event, that is part of the complication, it just
- 11 is not a black and white, perfect world for us ever since
- 12 ARRA was dropped in on this thing, and otherwise we could
- 13 have, you know, would have, had no reason short of some
- 14 technological developments or inability of people to
- 15 respond, kept 100 percent faith with the original Investment
- 16 Plan allocations, there might have been a few changes where
- 17 we were under-subscribed and there just was not anything
- 18 there, but anyway, that is an effort to try and help explain
- 19 why this is so hard to explain, and I am not sure I helped
- 20 much, either.
- 21 MR. HWANG: Commissioner Boyd, I think that is
- 22 very helpful and we fully understand that a lot of things
- 23 are in flux. And from my personal perspective of the
- 24 Investment Plan, what was projected two years ago, and where
- 25 we are right now, it is not a surprise where things might

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- 2 changed. And we do want to provide -- I believe we should
- 3 allow the Energy Commission the flexibility to respond to
- 4 events as they change. I think probably, basically, what I
- 5 am trying to figure out is just what has changed, and then
- 6 to try to understand why it has changed. So I think further
- 7 iterations, especially as the ARRA situation clears up and
- 8 some of these solicitations clear up, I think it would be
- 9 terrific just for people to know where are we exactly in
- 10 terms of Investment Plan vs. initially where we are now and
- 11 where we think we might be and, if we are deviating,
- 12 explanations for why. And I think everybody understands
- 13 that is due to change and everybody understands the world
- 14 really is different than it was two years ago. Just a quick
- 15 question for Chuck. The sustainability study, \$4 million,
- 16 is that money going to be split up between sustainability
- 17 studies and the biofuel production plants, are we still
- 18 doing sustainability studies or, for some reason, have we --
- 19 MR. MIZUTANI: Of the initial \$4 million, \$2
- 20 million is being targeted for looking at the forest biomass
- 21 area.
- MR. HWANG: Why has that been reduced from \$4?
- 23 MR. MIZUTANI: I think it is resource limitations.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BOYD: I do not think the money has
- 25 been reduced, I think that particular activity only needs \$2

- 1 million, so I think staff is looking at what other
- 2 sustainability things might we be able to do with the
- 3 remaining balance. But one of the things that came along
- 4 was all this activity on forest biomass and the interagency
- 5 forestry working group, and its needs, and the needs to get
- 6 more cohesiveness between state and federal agencies and
- 7 states within the West led to a need for about \$2 million
- 8 worth of studies. We did not want to spend \$4 if we did not
- 9 need to spend \$4, so -- but that is just one, as was
- 10 discussed earlier today, that is just one piece of
- 11 sustainability and we hear everybody's concern of why are
- 12 you are looking at forest and not other areas, well, it is
- 13 just because that is the way all the chips fell, pardon the
- 14 pun, and that got a priority because that is where so many
- 15 are directing attention, and we have got to keep up with it
- 16 or we will not be able to influence it in a way that is
- 17 positive to the goals and objectives of California. But the
- 18 staff is still looking at how to use the rest of it, that
- 19 what are the then remaining priorities in the sustainability
- 20 area, and another thing is, you know, just how much can Jim
- 21 McKinney do all by himself. Tom, is that a question with
- 22 your name up? Or is that leftover? Or do you want your
- 23 five minutes?
- 24 MR. CACKETTE: I was praying for my five minutes,
- 25 but I have got to go.

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- 2 him his five minutes? Because I know you are furloughed and
- 3 cut and everything else, just like we are.
- 4 MR. CACKETTE: Thank you. I apologize for butting
- 5 in on everybody else's quarter here. Just in general, I
- 6 wanted to mention that the uncertainty and the transitory
- 7 nature of the status of the ARRA funding process is -- we
- 8 share the same thing, we have competed for ARRA funds and we
- 9 got criticized in our first award because we implemented it
- 10 too fast and actually spent the money and got the job done,
- 11 and then the second one was like normal, and the third one,
- 12 we are still negotiating over their terms which basically do
- 13 not work for us, so it is money that we might just have to
- 14 say goes back. So it has been a challenging process, and so
- 15 I share the pain. Ours has been not quite the size of
- 16 yours, but still it is \$15 or \$20 million, do it has been an
- 17 interesting process.
- On the report, there were a couple of things I
- 19 would like to suggest that might be improvements before the
- 20 next draft, or before the draft that is turned over to the
- 21 Commission. One is last year we had a very lengthy
- 22 discussion about the priority of Hydrogen and the concern
- 23 raised by the Commission was that we do not want to invest
- 24 in infrastructure if there are not going to be any vehicles,
- 25 and how do we match the two up. And over the last year,

- 1 between the first Plan committee meetings and the Advisory
- 2 Committee today, the bar got raised a whole bunch, and we
- 3 mutually went out and got information on the number of
- 4 vehicles, what year they were going to come in, so forth and
- 5 so on, and came up with a plan using the California Fuel
- 6 Cell Partnership of where the infrastructure should be,
- 7 where the vehicles are going to go, and nicely matched stuff
- 8 up and I think that was the challenge that you raised, and
- 9 it was done. And I think that has greatly improved the
- 10 plan. The problem I see is that none of the other
- 11 categories seem to have the same level of rigor. There does
- 12 not seem to be a real projection of what electric vehicles,
- 13 plug-in vs. batteries we expect in the marketplace in the
- 14 next five or six years, and what kind of infrastructure is
- 15 needed. Does it need to be spread statewide, is it going to
- 16 be regionally located, and then, within that piece, what are
- 17 we going to do for the types of electric charging
- 18 infrastructure that are needed? I look at your
- 19 solicitation, the thirteen point some million dollar
- 20 infrastructure on the one that went out, and it basically
- 21 says we have got thirteen point some million dollars and we
- 22 would like to spend some of it on electric charging, and it
- 23 could be renovating old stuff, or putting in new stuff.
- 24 That is all it says. And so, you know, you are likely to
- 25 get -- when you get bids that are 10 times as many requests

- 1 for money than you have got money, part of it is because
- 2 there is not the lack of specificity there. And I think
- 3 there is a real underlying policy issue on electric charging
- 4 of what kind of charging should we be funding. We need some
- 5 kind of an assessment that says, for the kinds of vehicles
- 6 that are coming, do we need help at the home? Or is \$2,000
- 7 to \$3,000 just something that a person who is going to buy a
- 8 BEV will fund? Do we need it at the workplace? And how do
- 9 we get it at the workplace? Do we need it at Nordstrom's at
- 10 the Mall? There is stuff out there now. I question what
- 11 the value of that is. And do we need fast charging? So
- 12 there are like four levels of charging and it seems like the
- 13 Investment Plan ought to try to shed some light on the
- 14 priority of where the need is in the short term because it
- 15 is going to happen in the next couple of years for the
- 16 charging infrastructure. And I think that would come out of
- 17 it if we have the same kind of analysis that we have now got
- 18 for Hydrogen, of matching infrastructure to number of
- 19 projected vehicle sales, and so that for electric. I think
- 20 you probably need to do that for heavy duty natural gas
- 21 trucks, for example, and just said, well, let's spend some
- 22 more money on natural gas infrastructure so we can have a
- 23 bigger network, but do we know if the trucks are going to
- 24 use it? And is it going to be publicly placed? Or is it
- 25 fleet-oriented? And it seems like the approach is, well,

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- 2 decision. Well, that does not seem like that puts much value
- 3 -- that approach puts much value on the Investment Plan,
- 4 that those are the kinds of things that maybe ought to be at
- 5 least discussed up front.
- 6 On Hydrogen, it looks to us, and I do not know
- 7 this for sure, but it looks to us -- we gave you a suggested
- 8 amount of Hydrogen funding based on the latest joint CEC ARV
- 9 -- this is for infrastructure -- surveys. And the numbers
- 10 are higher than what is in the Plan. And so there are two
- 11 comments, one is it is not clear from the existing monies
- 12 that have not been spent from the first go-round, whether
- 13 the \$22 million includes the money for transit bus
- 14 infrastructure, or not. If it does not, and that is going
- 15 to come from another pot, and we highly support that
- 16 infrastructure for buses, then essentially you are cutting
- 17 \$5 or \$6 million out of what we think the demand is for
- 18 Hydrogen fuel from the first go-round. And then the second
- 19 go-round is another \$6 million short of what we thought the
- 20 minimum amount needed to provide for the vehicles that are
- 21 coming, that car manufacturers said will be in place. We
- 22 think we are short in both years by roughly that amount.
- 23 The reason appears to be, looking in Appendix C, is that
- 24 when we provided what we thought was the amount of fuel
- 25 supply needed to match demand, there was a cushion; there

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- 2 looks to us that what your staff did was just cut out all
- 3 that unused capacity, and then reduced the amount of money
- 4 and said we can fund these stations if we just do not have
- 5 any extra capacity. But in real life, you have only got a
- 6 dozen or less stations, and you cannot assume that everyone
- 7 is going to operate at 100 percent efficiency. And so that
- 8 formula that I think you have used -- I may be wrong -- that
- 9 I think you have used -- results in people will not be able
- 10 to get fuel because they are not going to equally go to the
- 11 number of stations that are out there, so one station will
- 12 run out, another station will have some excess capacity, but
- 13 it will not provide the kind of surety that we need when
- 14 there are very few stations to provide fuel for these cars.
- 15 So we would like to suggest a re-look at that, the
- 16 difference between what we suggested and what is in the plan
- 17 on Hydrogen infrastructure.
- 18 And one comment more on the Ethanol production. I
- 19 am wondering whether ARB provided you, or could provide you,
- 20 with more insight as to what the Low Carbon Fuel Standard
- 21 will do in terms of stimulating existing and future Ethanol
- 22 production because, if Ethanol is the fuel of choice to meet
- 23 the Low Carbon Fuel Standard, which someone suggested, then
- 24 it seems like these closed down plants within the next few
- 25 years are all of a sudden going to have a demand put on them

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- 2 themselves. The price may go up to make it attractive to
- 3 reopen the plants. And if that is the case, then do we need
- 4 to be spending money -- team money on that. So that whole
- 5 issue of how Low Carbon Fuel Standard might interact here
- 6 seems like something that would be worth looking into.
- 7 And then one very final point is, I would really
- 8 like to see the table like we got here as to where we are
- 9 with respect to funding cycle 1. I would like to see that
- 10 one and funding cycle 2. The funds cut into the various
- 11 categories, like in particular, investment in short-term,
- 12 and fuels vs. -- and technologies vs. the high risk long-
- 13 term ones, and you will see a number -- are we spending 20
- 14 percent of our money in the long-term high risk? Are we
- 15 spending 80 percent of it in the long-term high risk? I
- 16 think it would be a useful statistic to have for the
- 17 infrastructure plan, and it will help us go from plan to
- 18 plan to see if, in fact, there are changes occurring and
- 19 what are the policy reasons for those changes. So those are
- 20 my comments and I appreciate you taking me out of order
- 21 again. Thank you.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Okay, Tom, a couple of
- 23 comments from me. One, we have spent so much time on
- 24 Hydrogen, it probably takes away from our ability to address
- 25 these other categories that you feel need to be addressed in

- 1 more detail. We would love to address them in more detail
- 2 and I guess we will do everything in our power to do that.
- 3 And with regard to the Low Carbon Fuel Standard, we would
- 4 love to have you share more with us on what is going on
- 5 there so we can incorporate it into this, but quite frankly,
- 6 we have had a hell of a time penetrating Air Resources Board
- 7 to share with us anything on the Low Carbon Fuel Standard.
- 8 So I will take this as an invitation today to participate
- 9 more, and I have taken that point all the way to the
- 10 Chairwoman and have not seen a lot of success. So we should
- 11 be working more closely together, I have always said that --
- MR. CACKETTE: Well, I think on that one, yes, the
- 13 problem is I do not think we know exactly what is going to
- 14 happen on Low Carbon Fuel, but I was just raising the issue
- 15 that, if all of a sudden there is a big demand for Ethanol
- 16 to comply with low carbon fuel, it implies that production
- 17 facilities in California might re-start up and we ought to
- 18 just have some sense of that before we put lots of 118 money
- 19 into helping them start up. We may not need it. You know,
- 20 the price of Ethanol to the oil company that is going to
- 21 blend it might be good enough to cause that to happen
- anyway.
- COMMISSIONER BOYD: That is a hypothesis that
- 24 might indeed be true by the time we get all this figured
- 25 out, it may be irrelevant. But at the time we started it,

- 1 it was relevant.
- MR. CACKETTE: Oh, yeah. No, I agree. And it was
- 3 emphasized by the fact that it looks like a lot more is
- 4 going into biofuel production, and I would just restate the
- 5 other concern that I think we need to have -- if even more
- 6 than \$10 million is going to go in, we need to have some
- 7 guidance in the Investment Plan about the amount that might
- 8 go to future stuff that is really clean, the cellulosic, the
- 9 very low carbon stuff vs. the current stuff, which is,
- 10 according to the Table in the back, California is -- we are
- 11 the 16 percent reduction, whereas the cellulosic stuff was
- 12 70 or 80 percent reduction, so how we balance the money
- 13 short to long-term, there is an example of that which I
- 14 think would be helpful.
- 15 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: Just given my former
- 16 employer, I will also take your comment or suggestion to
- 17 work more closely with our sister agency to heart. I would
- 18 also suggest, I also recognize your comment with respect to
- 19 the sort of in-depth investigation of matching fuel with
- 20 vehicles in the Hydrogen area, and I would invite, again,
- 21 input from others as to how we might do that for the other
- 22 fuels. Would it be, for example, in the case of Hydrogen,
- 23 there was a survey -- a confidential survey -- that was
- 24 issued to the Vehicle Manufacturers to get information on
- 25 their deployment plans. Is that something we might do for

1	other	vehicle	technologies,	for	example	. natural	gas	and

- 2 such, or are there other mechanisms that might be employed
- 3 to get that information?
- 4 COMMISSIONER BOYD: I am not sure if we finished
- 5 the discussion of the Table, or we beat that to death in
- 6 terms of we know all the questions you have, given more time
- 7 and more information will be provided before this group
- 8 meets again. I am a little concerned about getting enough
- 9 time to, a) get your comments, and b) getting to the public
- 10 discussion. So if yes, John --
- 11 MR. SHEARS: This is just going to be my last
- 12 comment before we go to public comments --
- 13 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Oh, is this your five minutes?
- MR. SHEARS: Yeah. So I just want to thank the
- 15 staff, I mean, it is a huge amount of work, very complex
- 16 issue, I mean, this regulation throws everything at the
- 17 issue of vehicle technology and fuels, save possibly the
- 18 kitchen sink, and I just want to also thank staff for their
- 19 patience in helping us to explore the complex interactions
- 20 of trying to keep this program moving forward and figure out
- 21 how, as Anthony mentioned earlier, I mean, how we can all
- 22 work together to continue to improve this program. So I
- 23 just want to thank the staff for all of their hard work.
- COMMISSIONER BOYD: Let's just keep going around
- 25 the table. Unless somebody has a time constraint and they

- 1 have to leave.
- 2 MR. KAZARIAN: I am going to have to step out, but
- 3 if we are going this way....
- COMMISSIONER BOYD: Thank you. 4
- 5 MR. EMMETT: Well, I sort of took my five minutes
- way back when because I thought that was what we were going 6
- 7 into the discussion, but I just want to make one additional
- 8 point and that is that I think, in the electric drive
- 9 category, I understand the \$3 million for infrastructure for
- 10 this coming year is on top of the \$3.2 this year, I think
- 11 that is a good chunk of the way there, but it is definitely
- 12 not enough for everything that we have talked about in terms
- 13 of the public and home charging, and so I assume that
- 14 implicit is there is yet another year of funding on the back
- 15 of that. Just some of the language in the plan made it
- 16 sound like sort of that was going to get us to where we
- 17 needed to be for this 2012 timeframe, and I am not sure that
- 18 we totally agree with that. And then, I also want to echo
- 19 Tom Cackette's comments regarding Hydrogen and sort of the
- 20 thought going into those numbers, the revised numbers.
- 21 Thanks.
- 22 MR. KAZARIAN: So quickly, I would also like to
- 23 thank the staff for their hard work, and just four quick
- 24 comments, and I may have missed this, or the staff is
- 25 already aware, but the possibility of leveraging the federal

- 1 dollars with the DOE energy innovation hubs. They just have
- 2 one of the hubs coming out, it is fuels through sunlight,
- 3 there are \$122 million available -- I am not sure if there
- 4 is a potential opportunity to partner aboard -- apply for
- 5 that grant. That was one. Two is, to reiterate my
- 6 objection to pulling workforce dollars now, as I think that
- 7 that is an effective route; three, I am very supportive of
- 8 the grants and loans through the Treasurer's Office
- 9 proposed. I know from meetings that I have been in with
- 10 businesses that that would be a great tool for us in terms
- 11 of business attraction, so I think we can definitely put
- 12 that to use. And the last point is, this may be down the
- 13 road, but I am not sure how many people are aware, but we
- 14 have SBX24 legislation for public/private partnerships, and
- 15 BTH is the lead organization on this, and we have announced
- 16 our Public Infrastructure Advisory Committee members, so we
- 17 are moving forward on projects and, you know, I could maybe
- 18 see some type of collaboration down the road with infusing
- 19 AB 118 dollars to green transportation or the Hydrogen
- 20 highway, something in that area of public/private
- 21 partnerships. I am not sure if additional legislation is
- 22 needed, but just a thought. And that is it.
- 23 COMMISIONER BOYD: Thank you. Jan?
- MS. SHARPLESS: Well, I do not think that I need
- 25 to repeat what other people have said that I agree with, so

- 1 I will just say that I agree with comments that have already
- 2 been made, the five-minute comments that have been made
- 3 around the table. I am still sort of pondering the
- 4 discussion that was made over, you know, the type of
- 5 analysis that goes into the portfolio investments, and the
- 6 whole thing about, you know, looking at the biggest bang for
- 7 the buck on GHG emissions and other types, and reducing
- 8 petroleum, and so forth. And it seems very, in a way, you
- 9 cannot argue with that, but in a way it does not exactly fit
- 10 with the real world all the time, and that is that, you
- 11 know, you may have a wonderful game plan, but if you cannot
- 12 get the investment, and if you do not have the consumers
- 13 going along with it, we know it does not work. And so you
- 14 have to, I think, go back and overlay with that type of
- 15 analysis what government role is. And as you said, our part
- 16 of the game is a very small part of the game, but basically
- 17 if you took all of the stuff that is in this Investment
- 18 Plan, this too is sort of government roles, one is priming
- 19 the pump, and that is the rebate program, those are the
- 20 grant programs, so those are the ones that the technology is
- 21 coming along, it is very close to commercialization awards
- 22 and commercialization, and what you are attempting to do is
- 23 increase volume and reduce price. And then you get out of
- 24 the game because you do not keep subsidizing something that
- 25 looks like it is going to take off. The other part is sort

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- 2 bring in investment, private investment. And that is a
- 3 different type of game and you cannot really analyze the two
- 4 along the same trajectory. So however you do this analysis
- 5 of your Investment Plan, whether you look at the global
- 6 greenhouse emission reductions, or petroleum reductions,
- 7 that is good. But I think you need this other component to
- 8 go along with it, so it is almost like maybe you need to do
- 9 -- and I guess this gets to Tom's, as well -- where you do
- 10 what they did in the Hydrogen area for each category.
- 11 The only other thing I would say is, well, you
- 12 have already heard sort of my questions around the loan vs.
- 13 grant, and I think that maybe you might want to look again
- 14 at how you are looking at the financial instruments that you
- 15 use in each of your programs. Maybe in some areas where you
- 16 are using grants, you really could be using loans, and so I
- 17 do not have anything specific to point to, but it seems to
- 18 me that maybe you need to look at that.
- 19 And the other thing that we really did not talk
- 20 about very much today, but I still think is really
- 21 important, is the public education, marketing and outreach
- 22 component and we did not really say much about that. And it
- 23 is sort of like stay tuned, you are working on it. But I
- 24 would just raise the flag that I think that is really still
- 25 an important part of the Investment Plan and should not just

- 1 be left in the background for another day. Thanks.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Thanks, Jan. Just a quick
- 3 comment on the loans vs. grants. I think we agree with that
- 4 position 100 percent, I know we have talked about it a lot
- 5 as we look at the mechanisms we might use in each of the
- 6 categories. Probably not clearly stated today, if stated at
- 7 all, was the fact that it has been very difficult to find
- 8 mechanisms for a government agency like ours to do loans, or
- 9 to facilitate loans, and that staff -- I am looking around
- 10 the room at several people who have put a huge effort into
- 11 working with the Treasurer's Office who has this capability,
- 12 and yet it has been a very very difficult road to hoe, to
- 13 get that going and up to speed, and only at a certain level
- 14 that they are capable of handling. So hopefully when we get
- 15 this going and everybody gets a good taste for what it is
- 16 like, we can use those mechanisms, or try to find some
- 17 others, that will facilitate loans and loan guarantees,
- 18 because I would agree, that is better than just giving money
- 19 away in grants for a multitude of different kinds of
- 20 applications. But, not to be making excuses, just to
- 21 explain the realities of government, it is really hard, we
- 22 discovered, painfully, to launch loan-type programs. And,
- 23 in fact, there are some real prohibitions against this
- 24 agency doing that in certain kinds of ways, and yet, as you
- 25 know from having been here, we make loans, lots of them, in

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- 2 approach. And, I do not know, this may be an area where we
- 3 need to discuss more about whether we need legislation.
- 4 But, you know, you are afraid to put the patient back in the
- 5 emergency room sometimes for fear that fixing the appendix,
- 6 the heart goes. In any event, those are the kinds of
- 7 discussions we have internally. Thanks. Peter.
- 8 MR. COOPER: Yeah, I will be very brief, but in
- 9 fact the Labor Federation is working with the manufacturers
- 10 on possible legislation to look at trying to create some
- 11 type of revolving loan fund, which would include some of the
- 12 ideas around manufacturing and renewable fuel technologies,
- 13 so we will see how that plays out, but I am happy to hear
- 14 the support for the idea of putting more money towards
- 15 loans, which I think has a longer impact beyond the seven-
- 16 year window of this program. So I look forward to further
- 17 discussions in that area.
- 18 And just to echo what I said before, I would like
- 19 to see more money continue to go towards workforce, perhaps
- 20 pared down from the past, but I think that category needs to
- 21 remain alive and build upon what we have already achieved.
- MS. HOLMES-GEN: Thanks. Some brief comments. I
- 23 continue to believe in the importance and the value of this
- 24 program, and I appreciate the hard work that has gone into
- 25 it in trying to get that money out, and I know you will get

1 that money out this year, and that this is a critic	1	that	money	out	this	year,	and	that	this	is	а	critica	al
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- 2 program to reach our -- to help with the process of reaching
- 3 our 2020 and 2050 goals. And I know that you are committed
- 4 to maintaining -- to not having any roll-backs or any air
- 5 quality -- I am sorry -- I know you are committed to --
- 6 COMMISSIONER BOYD: No backsliding.
- 7 MS. HOLMES-GEN: No backsliding, yeah, thank you.
- 8 So I know you are committed to that, and I always have to
- 9 bring it up because that is my role, but I appreciate your
- 10 commitment to that. I did want to suggest a couple pieces
- 11 of information that we need for the committee and then some
- 12 information that I think would be helpful to put out to
- 13 Legislators and to other interested parties. And in terms
- 14 of the committee, I think that we do need the update on the
- 15 categories that we talked about. I understand the ebb and
- 16 the flow and the process issues with trying to get these
- 17 ARRA solicitations, but I do think we need some kind of
- 18 update as to where we are, and specifically with regard to
- 19 the Ethanol category and some of the funding that is going
- 20 into the biofuel production plants, kind of where are we,
- 21 what are the categories going to look like after we shift
- 22 the money around and make some of these changes, and how
- 23 does that chart line up with what we had recommended last
- 24 year, and how does it line up with the focus we talked about
- 25 in terms of keeping the focus on the projects that are going

1 to get us to those 2020 and 2050 targets. And we had a	1	to	get	us	to	those	2020	and	2050	targets.	And	we	had	а	101
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- of discussion about this the last time around on the 2
- 3 Advisory Committee.
- 4 Another piece of information that I think we need,
- 5 and we talked about this earlier, is more information on
- 6 what is the weighting of the greenhouse gas and
- 7 sustainability criteria, and how is the scoring going to be
- 8 done going forward? And we talked a little bit about this,
- 9 but I think we need to know specifically what is the
- 10 percentage of the total score that will depend on the GHG
- 11 and sustainability factors. And I think that we had
- 12 suggested that should be about half, about 50 percent of the
- 13 total score, and that was the last policy that had been in
- 14 place, and I still agree with that, that is very important,
- 15 I think, to achieving the overall goals of this program.
- 16 And in terms of getting information out to
- 17 Legislators and the public, Commissioner Boyd made a comment
- 18 that, you know, he did not really want to see this
- 19 particular piece of paper floating around, and I understand
- 20 and I think that is smart, but nature abhors a void and
- 21 there is certainly going to be a call for more information
- 22 about what is happening with this important program,
- 23 especially as we go into the budget cycles. So I do think
- 24 that, because I think this program is so important, that we
- 25 do need to have some kind of a promo piece about what we are

- 1 doing here, how important it is, some of the good projects
- 2 that are getting funded, and what those projects are going
- 3 to get us in terms of GHG reduction, you know, public
- 4 health, air quality, GHG reduction benefits, whatever we can
- 5 put out there that would show the value of this program
- 6 based on what we have so far, and what projects have been
- 7 funded, or are entered into contracts. So I think that
- 8 would be an important piece to work on so that we can all
- 9 help in championing the importance of this as we move
- 10 forward and as questions are asked about this program.
- 11 Thanks.
- 12 MR. SHEDD: Thank you, Commissioner. Some of the
- 13 lessons that we have learned being involved in many
- 14 demonstration projects over the last couple of decades with
- 15 alternative fuels and advanced technology vehicles point to
- 16 a couple of things that I think are important and one of
- 17 them was touched on earlier this morning, and that is
- 18 performance measures. There is a lot of emphasis being put
- 19 on how the money is allocated on the front end, and I think
- 20 there could be some more emphasis on how the performance on
- 21 the back-end is dealt with. One of the things that we ran
- 22 into as a state agency, and a lot of state agencies are now
- 23 inputting information into the Climate Action Registry on
- 24 their greenhouse gas reductions, comes down to
- 25 standardization of the methodologies used to pinpoint how

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- 2 does as part of their program, and it might be able to be
- 3 used with some of the funding that you have allocated
- 4 internally for consultants, they have auditors that come out
- 5 and they look at your methodology and how you are performing
- 6 your analysis, going forward, to ensure that you are using
- 7 good benchmarks and that you are using a good method to come
- 8 up with the criteria that is acceptable to them. And I
- 9 think that might be an important tool that you can
- 10 incorporate in understanding how some of these things are
- 11 actually benefitting the monies that are being spent. Other
- 12 than that, and you may already have some of that in, I did
- 13 not hear that, and I did not necessarily see it in the plan
- 14 itself, but you may have some of those tools already
- 15 available to you and you are planning on using them. But
- 16 one thing to just put on the table is, for all of those
- 17 entities getting this money and that are going to be putting
- 18 forward whatever performance that they have achieved through
- 19 the use of that money, it might be helpful to be able to
- 20 understand better through an independent source.
- 21 Another thing that came up in the evaluation
- 22 criteria discussion this morning was the emphasis in the
- 23 first round to leverage ARRA money to get more bang for our
- 24 buck, if you will, and there was some success and some not.
- 25 For those that were successful, some of them may be coming

1	back	to	the	table	again	to	qet	more	grant	opportunities,	and

- 2 some of those who were unsuccessful may be back, obviously.
- 3 I do not know if there is any consideration to a hierarchy
- 4 as to whether or not those that have been given ARRA funding
- 5 and AB 118 funding in the first round will be eligible again
- 6 year after year, or if it leaves the door open for new
- 7 participants in the next year and maybe every other year you
- 8 can come back, but I know a discussion from this morning
- 9 talked about having some guidelines as to whether or not you
- 10 have been given money in one year, and you have proven that
- 11 you have performed adequately, before you can come back and
- 12 get another bite of the apple.
- One of the things that was also mentioned, I think
- 14 Roland brought up the point of some potential risks with
- 15 providing funding to those who may have been in litigation
- 16 with the state over some of its emission rules. There may
- 17 be other risks out there that the staff is taking into
- 18 consideration, or not. I know in doing business with --
- 19 with our department doing business with the commercial
- 20 sector, there are a lot of things that are being brought to
- 21 the table now that maybe had not been under consideration in
- 22 the past with the budget situation, what it is, such as
- 23 folks that have not paid their taxes, or maybe there are
- 24 other regulatory entities that they are not in good standing
- 25 with. Just not to make it more Draconian than it needs to

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- 2 difficult for anyone to get through, but just to suggest
- 3 that there may be other avenues to consider based on the
- 4 risk potential out there for giving out money to those who
- 5 may find themselves in a compromising position because of
- 6 it.
- 7 I do not have any sophisticated argument against
- 8 the funds that are being devoted to the Hydrogen component
- 9 of the project, but I do know from the ground floor where
- 10 you are actually trying to get people to put alternative
- 11 fuels into alternative fuel vehicles, some of the things
- 12 that we have run up against over the many years is obviously
- 13 the infrastructure gap, and I would suggest, based on the
- 14 numbers that I have seen in the plan, that \$8.5 million for
- 15 Ethanol -- and I think it is \$12 million for compressed
- 16 natural gas -- these are two avenues that we have available
- 17 to us today and they might be able to use more funding
- 18 because, if my calculations are correct, you were going to
- 19 get about 85 pumps -- E-85 pumps -- out of that \$8.5
- 20 million, making a total of 183, combining the 43 existing
- 21 facilities and what the federal government is going to put
- 22 out there. Also from the report, it looked like the need
- 23 might be closer to 1,800. There are about 10,000 or more
- 24 fueling stations in California, to put it into perspective.
- 25 So with 400,000 flex fuel vehicles on the road, buying over

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- 2 of E-85 pumped through those vehicles, and we recognize that
- 3 because we have had to install our own pumps at various
- 4 locations up and down the state, just to try to get the fuel
- 5 into our state vehicles, and it is very difficult to do so.
- 6 We are highly dependent on the private sector, we think it
- 7 is a much better public/private partnership to have the
- 8 commercial sector build the pumps and stations so that we
- 9 can take advantage of them, as well as the public. When it
- 10 comes to electric drive and CNG on the vehicle side, the
- 11 cost, the incremental cost differences, is quite prohibitive
- 12 -- for fleets, anyway. It may not be the same difficulty
- 13 for the private sector, commercial fleets, but for
- 14 government fleets, it is a very difficult time to try and
- 15 upgrade your fleet and to try and move into that sector.
- 16 With electric, you have got at least two and a half to three
- 17 times more expense, capital expense, on a heavy duty
- 18 electric, all electric vehicle, which are available now.
- 19 However, even with \$50,000 ARRA grants and \$20,000 potential
- 20 from the Air Resources Board coming back, you are still
- 21 money well behind trying to put those vehicles into
- 22 deployment, so I would suggest to you that there might be
- 23 more opportunity in the medium- and heavy-duty vehicle
- 24 category for electric-drive and CNG drive cost-sharing.
- 25 Finally, I also would like to say, I agree with

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- 2 educational component, I think it is much needed for all
- 3 sectors, not only the policymakers, the public, but the
- 4 vehicle operators, as well. As you stated, we are entering
- 5 into a demonstration project with plug-in hybrid electrics
- 6 which are going to be becoming commercially available in the
- 7 very near future. One of the things, while we do not have a
- 8 lot of data yet gathered on that project, one of the things
- 9 that we are noticing right off the bat, because we are
- 10 running our information that is coming through GPS and
- 11 Telematics from the Idaho National Laboratory is charging,
- 12 and people's ability or willingness to charge those vehicles
- 13 appropriately to take full advantage of the technology. And
- 14 I think education is going to be a huge part of that.
- 15 Finally, you had asked for some input on
- 16 innovative technologies that might be used going forward in
- 17 that new category, and one of the things I had just
- 18 mentioned, GPS, Telematics, it is improving our data
- 19 collection to a point where I cannot really describe it, but
- 20 when you go forward and try to measure success, at least in
- 21 the transportation sector on the vehicle side, having
- 22 accurate data is important as anything else, and in past
- 23 demonstration projects where we have demonstrated everything
- 24 from Ethanol vehicles all the way up to the Hydrogen
- 25 vehicles, now those demonstration vehicles did have this

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- 2 them, we are getting raw data right from the vehicle itself
- 3 so that we are able to really definitively know how much
- 4 greenhouse gases we are eliminating, and what the driver
- 5 behavior is like, and how the vehicles are being charged, so
- 6 on and so forth.
- 7 The other thing that we are partnering with SMUD
- 8 here locally is Smart Grid, and I know it was mentioned
- 9 regarding the impact on the grid regarding electric vehicle
- 10 charging, and I think that would be another area that we
- 11 might want to look at as far as working with Smart Grid to
- 12 get these vehicles charged up after peak hours. It also
- 13 would provide you with the data resource on how much it is
- 14 costing to charge those vehicles and when they are charging,
- 15 and it can be programmable, they can turn the switch on or
- 16 off, depending on need. So those are my comments.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Thanks, Rick. Shannon.
- MS. BAKER BROWNSTETTER: Thanks. I think the cost
- 19 effectiveness is not an exact science and I think that this
- 20 report does a really good job, actually, of justifying the
- 21 prioritization, in general. I think the prioritization
- 22 makes a lot of sense. There is one thing, though, that I
- 23 think does seem really disproportionate to me, and that is
- 24 the fueling infrastructure that I alluded to a little bit
- 25 earlier. The electric compared to Hydrogen and Ethanol. We

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- 2 85 dispensers and retail at \$8.5 million. When you look at
- 3 what kind of percentage of GHG emission reductions we
- 4 expect, for 2020, we expect BVs and PHEVs to contribute 35
- 5 percent of the reductions. And when you look at Hydrogen,
- 6 it is I think less than 1 percent. And then, also, if you
- 7 look for overall GHG emissions, that was just for the light-
- 8 duty, again, we expect PHEV and BV to be 25 percent in 2020,
- 9 and 35 percent in 2050. And, again, Hydrogen is less than 1
- 10 percent. So it just seems that that proportion is not
- 11 really reflected in what kind of results we could expect to
- 12 see. This is true especially in light of the fact that,
- 13 when we look at the chart that was provided later, showing
- 14 that the \$40 million for Hydrogen fueling stations has not
- 15 been able to be distributed, and it has been reduced to \$22
- 16 million, it still needs to be distributed, and that all of
- 17 the electric funding was spent and only \$3.2 million was
- 18 invested last year in addition to the ARRA funding.
- 19 And I think that this is really a critical time
- 20 for electric vehicles. I think there has been huge federal
- 21 entanglement with Detroit -- in a good way -- for electric
- 22 vehicles, and I think that Detroit is making huge roll-outs
- 23 in the next couple years in addition to for new
- 24 manufacturers. And I think that consumers need to really
- 25 know that they are going to have the infrastructure in order

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- 2 first adopters and some sophisticated consumers, but I think
- 3 in order for it to ever be considered the default option, I
- 4 think it is really important to show that early interest,
- 5 early on. I think a lot of car manufacturers, if in the
- 6 next few years they do not get results with electric cars; I
- 7 think they are going to have a good reason to pull the plug
- 8 on them. And I think that in some ways they would welcome
- 9 that excuse to go back to making the cars that they were
- 10 before that. So while all the other fuels, I think, are
- 11 really exciting and have good potential, as well, I feel
- 12 like this really is an important time for electric and if we
- 13 cannot succeed with electric, that does not bode well for
- 14 the other alternatives, as well. I think that the synergy
- 15 with renewables and with solar installations in people's
- 16 homes, and with plug-in hybrids, I think that is a really
- 17 great synergy that also would support more investment in
- 18 electric. And I was interested to hear about how the ARB is
- 19 investing in the vehicles, but they rely on us to invest in
- 20 the infrastructure, so I think that those two have to go
- 21 together and I think that it just needs more than the \$3
- 22 million. I agree with what Daniel and Tom said about the
- 23 home stations really being important. The DOE studies and
- 24 the other consumer studies I have read have shown that home
- 25 fueling is really where people expect to be able to use it,

- 1 and so public is great as an added bonus, but if people
- 2 cannot fuel at home, that is going to be a huge detriment.
- 3 So I think that more incentives to have home installations,
- 4 whether it is partnerships with the utility company, or with
- 5 the car manufacturer, or with apartment complexes, as well
- 6 as individual residences, I think there are lots of
- 7 opportunities there for increasing home charging stations.
- 8 So that is all I have. Thanks.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Thank you. Roland, you are
- 10 back. We are doing the five-minute run around the table.
- 11 Concluding remarks before we hear from the public.
- 12 MR. HWANG: Okay, yeah, sure thing. I will make
- 13 mine very quick and I apologize for having to leave the room
- 14 for a few minutes. And so I do not want to be repetitive.
- 15 I think I have said a lot of things already in terms of my
- 16 perspective. I do want to come back to the issue of, you
- 17 know, I do believe the fundamental structure of this program
- 18 is the allocation and the scoring system, about whether we
- 19 are going to adhere to the overall goals of the original
- 20 legislation. So I do want to go back. I certainly do
- 21 support the things that I did hear about reviewing how the
- 22 allocation process is going, and I think we did not get a
- 23 real good understanding for how the scoring system is
- 24 occurring, especially the change between April and November.
- 25 So more discussion and I think staff is committed to doing

- 1 that, writing a paper or something like that, and we greatly
- appreciate that. But also some post hoc evaluation of the 2
- solicitations that did come in, in terms of how they were 3
- scored. Particularly, I mean, we would encourage a more 4
- 5 specific scoring system like the April system, which seems
- 6 much less arbitrary. But I think the issue of post hoc
- 7 evaluation of how staff scored out these criteria is even
- 8 more critical with the November system, where especially on
- 9 the greenhouse gas and sustainability aspects appear from
- 10 the written description as very subjective and difficult for
- 11 somebody to evaluate a project, an applicant to evaluate how
- 12 the staff is going to score that out. So in the interest of
- 13 transparency and encouraging the right kind of applications,
- 14 the right kind of investments, I think certainly that would
- 15 be an activity that I would encourage.
- 16 I think the overall issue of Hydrogen and
- 17 electricity and other fuels, I think it is certainly a
- challenging issue, but I do think that we do have to keep 18
- 19 our eyesight -- I certainly agree with a lot that was said
- 20 here in terms of -- I am very bullish on plug-in hybrid
- 21 electric vehicles, I think they have a great potential,
- 22 especially in 2020, but in 2050, I think we have got to keep
- 23 our eyes on the ball in order to meet our 80 percent
- 24 reduction goal, which is, I think, very instrumental to what
- 25 AB 118's purpose is. We have got to keep a very diversified

- 1 portfolio, I do not believe it all going to be electricity,
- 2 I do not believe it is all going to be low carbon biofuel, I
- 3 do not believe it is going to be through vehicle efficiency
- 4 and VMT reduction. I think we are going to have to have a
- 5 little of everything, including Hydrogen, and I think
- 6 Hydrogen is an option we cannot take off the table at this
- 7 point. I think it is at a critical part of its
- 8 commercialization process as an overall perspective, and I
- 9 do think that in terms of what that means in terms of the
- 10 specific allocations for 2010 and 2011, I do not have a
- 11 strong opinion, other than I think we need to make sure that
- 12 we do not take that option off the table.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Pete.
- MR. PRICE: Just a handful of comments, quickly.
- 15 And the first comment will be to the sheet and then move on
- 16 to the proposed plan. So this is the first time I had
- 17 clarified, for me anyway, that in the current plan, you
- 18 know, \$11.5 million is being shifted from medium- and heavy-
- 19 duty natural gas over to biomethane. You know, for the
- 20 California Natural Gas Vehicle Coalition, that is Sophie's
- 21 Choice, because we love both our children, and I think I
- 22 would agree probably the two most prominent parts of this
- 23 for us. But I would note that, I mean, some of our members
- 24 will like the proposal, others will not, but I would note --
- 25 and this kind of goes to Daniel's comment or question

- 1 earlier today -- about the need for funding for medium- and
- 2 heavy-duty natural gas. And, look, this is the case for
- 3 lots of the different areas, but in this area of funding,
- 4 the proposals far outstrip the funding that was available in
- 5 the first solicitation, I mean, by a large degree. I think
- 6 there were two or three dozen natural gas proposals that
- 7 were not funded. I think under the ARRA Clean Cities
- 8 formulation, they were identified as disqualified, but that
- 9 does not mean that they did not qualify, it just meant that
- 10 there was no money for them. So there were lots of good
- 11 projects, and with all the activity in the trade corridors,
- 12 the need is great. So I -- yeah, ahead the money is going
- 13 to biomethane, but I think there is a need for more funding
- 14 for this near-term emission reductions in heavy-duty.
- To the current plan, some of the small stuff
- 16 first, you proposed fueling station upgrades, we think that
- 17 is a good idea. You mentioned that in your plan last year
- 18 and have now followed through, and that makes sense to us,
- 19 to make sure that the older stations, particularly in these
- 20 public settings, schools and whatnot, that they be
- 21 maintained. And we have always never stressed
- 22 infrastructure as much as vehicle incentives in our
- 23 industry, that is what is more important. And that gets to
- 24 the third point which is, in the current year plan, you are
- 25 shifting \$2 million which was earmarked for light-duty

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- 2 plan, there is nothing for light-duty vehicles. And if I
- 3 understand the proposed plan correctly in the text, it is
- 4 that you see a fair amount of federal grants and loans
- 5 coming in the next year or two in this area, and you want to
- 6 see if that funding has the desired effect of getting the
- 7 OEM's more interesting in producing some more models, and if
- 8 it does, I mean, we will look back in a couple years and see
- 9 if that had the effect, and if it does, then incentives
- 10 might make more sense because there will be more vehicles
- 11 out there to incent people to buy. So I understand the
- 12 logic, but we obviously, just as a general point, for our
- 13 industry, vehicle purchase incentives are the key. The
- 14 infrastructure will be there, we believe, for natural gas if
- 15 the vehicles are.
- 16 On the '10-'11 Investment Plan, for biomethane,
- 17 just one small point, you have included as allowable
- 18 spending for biomethane quality testing, I think, is a term
- 19 which I think is very important we keep that in because one
- 20 of the main things we are working on now is working with the
- 21 natural gas utilities to make sure they can take biomethane,
- 22 particularly from landfills, and put it into their
- 23 pipelines, and there are some gas quality questions there,
- 24 and so that funding could maybe help that work move along.
- On biomethane, again, and this goes to the

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- 2 about 30 minutes, and when I came back folks were discussing
- 3 some of the tables in Appendix A, which I will follow-up
- 4 later, but I would like to get a better understanding of
- 5 some of the assumptions that went into these numbers and,
- 6 you know, obviously when you are projecting what it is going
- 7 to be like in 2050, it is assumption upon assumption, so I
- 8 understand that. But the numbers -- the Energy Commission
- 9 is obviously pretty enthusiastic about biomethane, you are
- 10 shifting a lot of funds into that. And there is every
- 11 reason to believe that we could see a significant amount of
- 12 biomethane, which is the lowest carbon fuel identified so
- 13 far in the Low Carbon Fuel Standard, that there be a
- 14 significant amount of that available in the future. And
- 15 yet, I cannot imagine that that is reflected in the charts
- 16 we see in the appendix because the numbers are so low for
- 17 natural gas that it would have to suggest there is no
- 18 inclusion of the lowest carbon fuel out there into the
- 19 state's fuel portfolio. And if these numbers and charts, as
- 20 a matter of fact, are based on AB 1007, I can understand
- 21 that because, you know, a few years ago, I think a lot has
- 22 happened to biomethane in the last year or so, I think
- 23 biomethane was not considered nearly as significantly then
- 24 as it is now. And I think you ought to take another look at
- 25 that. Oh, and also, in this same set of tables, in Appendix

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- 2 for diesel and substitutes, and one of the columns is for
- 3 liquefied natural gas, and it shows it slightly lower than
- 4 ultra low sulfur diesel; the Air Boards recently have done a
- 5 great analysis on, gosh, five or six different types of LNG,
- 6 I believe, and this one, if I am not mistaken, reflects what
- 7 is both the highest carbon intensity of all of those, and
- 8 also the least likely to ever be used in California. I
- 9 believe this is the number that represents offshore LNG and,
- 10 as some of you know, the market for offshore LNG has
- 11 disappeared. I mean, we are more likely to be an exporter
- 12 of LNG in the future than an importer. And so I would like
- 13 to make sure that we get a number for LNG that reflects what
- 14 is most likely to be used and, for example, there is LNG
- 15 being produced in state at Boron facility that has much --
- 16 well, much better numbers than that. I think that is
- 17 probably more accurate. And I think that is it. Thank you
- 18 very much.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Thanks, Pete. How about folks
- 20 on the phone? Do we have any folks on the phone? Brooke?
- MR. COLEMAN: Yeah.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Go ahead. Thanks for sticking
- 23 with us; I know it is a little later on the East Coast.
- MR. COLEMAN: Oh, no problem, no problem. So
- 25 actually that leads to my first point, I appreciate the

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- 2 do not have a lot to add with regard to the job you guys are
- 3 doing, other than to say that, as a resident of another
- 4 state, I can tell you that your response to the stimulus was
- 5 quick compared to many of the states that we work with. So
- 6 I understand that challenge.
- 7 Specifically on this draft report, a couple things
- 8 specific to biofuels and a couple of big picture items. In
- 9 the general sense, I share the concern about how these
- 10 decisions are being made. And my suggestion is that we
- 11 spend some [quote unquote] "technical assistance money" on
- 12 advancing at least a basic tool and transparency mechanism.
- 13 And I want to suggest that with one caveat, and that is that
- 14 I do not think it is useful for either myself or other Board
- 15 members to micromanage what they should be experts at,
- 16 however, I do think there is potential here for some middle
- 17 ground, and of course, I think the problem with not doing it
- 18 is that we breed this culture of perpetual debate where, you
- 19 know, all the interest groups are in the dark about how the
- 20 decisions are made and we disagree or agree on the
- 21 conditions that should be met to get public money And
- 22 specifically, you know, I think we talked about the
- 23 rationale for floating a biofuel facility that was bankrupt,
- 24 and that is an easy one, but I think there has to be a
- 25 better mechanism to also consider the rationale for having

1 \$40 million in Hydrogen, still, and I do not mea	an that
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- 2 biofuels are better than Hydrogen, but I do think, as a
- 3 public citizen, I think we need to ask the question about
- 4 how these monies should be spent at least with a little bit
- 5 more structure.
- A couple more suggestions. I think, at the risk
- 7 of repeating, or if it has been done before, I think for
- 8 very short money, we can do an industry survey on bottleneck
- 9 issues, and the reason I would like to see a recent one is
- 10 -- there are basically two reasons -- one is that the
- 11 economy has changed, but, two, I think there are something
- 12 we can do that are not fuel specific and, at the risk of,
- 13 you know, all the yes' and no's I will get in my e-mail box,
- 14 you know, throw out the idea of sales tax forgiveness or a
- 15 grant of some sort for forgiveness of sales tax for
- 16 equipment purchases for advanced technology that would
- 17 obviously reduce the capital costs of a new facility. That
- 18 could be biofuels, it could be biogas, it could be just
- 19 about anything. That does not have to be fuels specific,
- 20 but if identified by a large number of groups in a industry
- 21 survey, that is something that might be able to be applied
- 22 across different fuel groups.
- 23 A couple of biofuel specific issues, first is I
- 24 think FFVs are critical. I have been a critic in the past
- 25 of taking the approach of trying to build a flex fuel

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- 2 state level. There is no point to rally around, we do not
- 3 know when the auto industry is going to decide there are
- 4 enough pumps to produce FFV's, they change their minds all
- 5 the time. I think we ought to seriously reconsider figuring
- 6 out a way to make sure that there are more FFV's in
- 7 California and too often this is cast as a corn Ethanol
- 8 thing, as a coalition that is pre-dominated by advanced
- 9 biofuel folks. I can tell you that, specifically advanced
- 10 alcohol fuels, the cellulosic alcohol, is reliant if not
- 11 more reliant on open markets after the blend wall, than
- 12 anybody else.
- The last specific biofuel issue is the issue of
- 14 sustainability. We beat it not to death, maybe to a mild
- 15 pulp, and I know Jim does not want to talk about it,
- 16 probably, on this call anymore, but I do not understand the
- 17 rationale for only analyzing the sustainability of one fuel,
- 18 and I think one of the problems is that, if you gravitate
- 19 toward just the sustainability of just the fuel that
- 20 presents a so-called imminent threat, you are in essence
- 21 gravitating to the fuel that is the most commercially viable
- 22 in the short-term, and that does not mean that we should
- 23 throw out sustainability, but BMP, or Best Management
- 24 Practices, are Best Management Practices. And so whether
- 25 your fuel is going to be in wide use now, or five years, or

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- 2 think we can figure out BMPs for everyone. I think we have
- 3 to be careful about not just restricting the most imminent
- 4 fuel with BMP because the outcome could be to perpetuate the
- 5 status quo when, in fact, we are supposed to be doing just
- 6 the opposite.
- 7 And then, finally, I came into this thing open-
- 8 minded about indexing and 2050, and I am new to the process,
- 9 I am going to learn more, I want to talk to people, but I
- 10 have to say I have an increasing concern about the 2050
- 11 timeframe. I do not think we know anything about 2050. I
- 12 do not think in 1950, they knew anything about 1990. And I
- 13 can see why people want to do it, because it creates
- 14 incentives for far-off to have ultra clean solutions, but I
- 15 am not sure it is the best and most responsible way to spend
- 16 public money. I also wonder about fuel type and I think
- 17 other people have these concerns and I will defer to the
- 18 folks who have been involved in this type of thing for a
- 19 long time. But I think it is at least worth sort of the
- 20 conversation about whether this should be indexed on fuel
- 21 type because I do believe there are a lot of things that
- 22 cross a lot of different fuels that we could be doing, and I
- 23 think fuel type gets us bogged down in making sure everybody
- 24 gets their peanuts. So that is the end of my comment.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Thank you. Someone else.

- 1 Will?
- 2 MR. COLEMAN: Yeah. So I think a lot has been
- 3 said, you know, I do not want to repeat too much, but I want
- 4 to actually applaud the staff and others for putting
- 5 together these two plans. I have no doubt that they have
- 6 had to navigate an increasing picophany of opinions over the
- 7 last couple years, and I want to make just a few high level
- 8 points. Tom had mentioned the need for doing the granular
- 9 needs assessments of like what was apparently done in
- 10 Hydrogen, i.e., if we build a natural gas fueling station,
- 11 will there be the vehicles to consume the gas. And I think
- 12 we do need to pay close attention to the feasibility of the
- 13 projects we support, but I do not know that the CEC needs to
- 14 take this all on themselves, either on the assessment level,
- 15 or on filling all the caps. I think there needs to be some
- 16 reliance on the private market for that, and I think we need
- 17 to be very attuned to that. I do think that the CEC needs
- 18 to do more of these assessments and increase their
- 19 granularity to guide the broader allocations specifically in
- 20 terms of where the dollars belong to what category. But I
- 21 think a lot of the justification of benefits and the
- 22 feasibility of projects can be shifted, actually, to the
- 23 Applicants in a lot of these cases. And so I think we just
- 24 need to be careful not to over-architect from the top down
- 25 because I think there needs to be room for learning, you

l know, from year to year, but also within a year. I think
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- 2 you are going to do that, though, you have to be able to
- 3 have the flexibility to move dollars between categories and
- 4 to drive those solutions to the highest potential benefits,
- 5 and we have seen some of that, which I think is fine, but I
- 6 do think we need to make sure and it needs to be done based
- 7 on potential impact and measurable potential impact, and
- 8 explicit priorities, rather than just on the fact that there
- 9 are a lot of hungry mouths to feed in a given area. But
- 10 this is also suggesting we need a clear methodology that
- 11 companies can follow to demonstrate their benefits, and I
- 12 think that the CEC can use to reallocate these funds and so
- 13 it is transparent to all of us.
- 14 So that is a specific point, and on top of it all,
- 15 I think it is a little hard for us on the Advisory Board to
- 16 weigh in on the allocations that we have been shown today
- 17 without knowing the merits or methods driving them. I think
- 18 it would be helpful in a future meeting to get a bit more
- 19 clarity on what is driving these allocations. And I think
- 20 it is important to spend more time developing the
- 21 methodology for prioritizing categories of projects.
- 22 And then, to the last point, to Janine's point
- 23 earlier, I think it was Janine that said it, there is really
- 24 not enough money in this fund to go it alone in any one of
- 25 these technology areas. So I think the key is to find ways

- 1 to act in conjunction with private capital, and ideally act
- 2 as a catalyst for private capital, and avoid the cul-de-sacs
- 3 that can often occur when you drive -- when the regulatory
- 4 world drives technology solutions down a road that the
- 5 private market is not going to absorb. So I think it is
- 6 important to do some more thinking around that, and about
- 7 how to evaluate projects on this basis. There may be some
- 8 that we are just not privy to, we have not seen in the way
- 9 that those evaluations have been done. I know there has
- 10 been the gap analysis early on, and then also I am sure
- 11 there are some other high level evaluations, but I think it
- 12 is important to dig at those things a little bit more to
- 13 make sure that we are really getting the highest bang for
- 14 our buck and the most impact for the dollars we are spending
- 15 here because obviously we are in big times and all these
- 16 dollars matter. That is about it. But I do want to thank
- 17 the staff for all the work they have done.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Thanks, Will. I do not know
- 19 if there is anyone else left out there?
- MR. SIMPSON: One more.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BOYD: One more. You are still with
- 22 us, good.
- MR. SIMPSON: Sorry, Jim, hopefully I will be the
- 24 last. It is Harry Simpson.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Yeah, I know, Harry. I

- 1 wondered if you were still with us. Thanks.
- 2 MR. SIMPSON: I would also like to thank the
- 3 staff, I know it has been a lot of work for the staff in
- 4 putting this together and certainly some of the comments we
- 5 have had probably do not make it any easier. But I would
- 6 like to just state a couple of points and perhaps reiterate
- 7 a few things. One is I echo what Will is saying, you know,
- 8 I talked about it before, this sort of a need for more
- 9 information and transparency on what are the drivers and how
- 10 are things being prioritized in terms of making the decision
- 11 for allocating these money between the different categories.
- 12 I think perhaps there is a -- you know, I came into this
- 13 with the sense that the Investment Plan that I have seen
- 14 does not quite dovetail with the stated key objectives that
- 15 you see in Table 1, for instance, of the Investment Plan as
- 16 far as the policy objective and the timelines, which have
- 17 some pretty concrete numbers, particularly in the near term
- 18 for 2020 for GHG reduction, petroleum displacement, and
- 19 state biofuels production. You know, it might be helpful
- 20 if, and I think there would be a way to do that if we can
- 21 look at what are the results that we would expect to see,
- 22 actual hard numbers around these key policy objectives, you
- 23 know, such GHG reduction and petroleum displacement, both in
- 24 the near-term and the long-term, and perhaps have some way
- 25 of even assigning a risk factor to being able to achieve the

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- 2 risk factors are somewhat greater, rather than the near
- 3 term, just given the market --
- 4 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Harry, can I interrupt you for
- 5 a second? Jan Sharpless is slipping away from the table and
- 6 she is a former Energy Commissioner, former Chair of the Air
- 7 Resources Board, and I want to thank her for spending her
- 8 birthday with us today. She did not want me to do this to
- 9 her, but I could not help it. [Applause] Sorry, Harry.
- 10 Excuse the interruption.
- 11 MR. SIMPSON: I have not seen a copy of CALCARS
- 12 and it may be helpful for those of us that are interested on
- 13 the committee to actually get a copy of CALCARS and look at
- 14 some of the different things in terms of consumer
- 15 preferences where, from what I have heard in some of these,
- 16 and also what I have seen of CALCARS, there is a strong
- 17 preference for certain types of technologies such as flex
- 18 fuel vehicles, plug-in hybrids, diesel vehicles, and a very
- 19 weak or not a strong preference for things like Hydrogen.
- 20 You know, how does that get factored in on the allocation
- 21 decision-making process.
- We did not talk too much today about the criteria
- 23 for evaluating proposals that come in response to
- 24 solicitations, but I would support Roland's comments around
- 25 having some way of really increasing the weighting, more

- 1 emphasis on GHG production, and in the first round I am not
- 2 sure if the first round of solicitations in the First
- 3 Investment plan required the proposals to actually lay out
- 4 specifics on the project's performance as it relates to GHG
- 5 reduction and petroleum displacement, and perhaps other
- 6 important criteria. I think it is important to be able to
- 7 ask the people asking for money for projects to be able to
- 8 lay out what they expect to achieve so that we can actually
- 9 measure whether the dollars were well spent or not, and
- 10 whether the projects are delivering as promised. That is it
- 11 for me.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Thank you. Is there anyone
- 13 else out there who I have forgotten? I think not in terms
- 14 of the Board members. So I want to thank all the Advisory
- 15 Board members and turn immediately to public testimony. And
- 16 if any of you have any really serious travel, commute, or
- 17 what have you problems, if you would let us know, I will try
- 18 to accommodate you. I noticed John Bozell is the only one
- 19 in the whole audience who has raised their hand. Catherine
- 20 Dunwoody was the first one to tell me -- John Bozell, we
- 21 lost, unfortunately. Jamie, I know, has a ways to travel
- 22 back to the Bay Area. Matt, are you -- have you got time
- 23 restrictions, all the way from South Coast?
- MR. PEAK: If I could be in the early group, that
- would be useful.

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- 2 do not even have a card for you.
- 3 MR. PEAK: I was the first one.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BOYD: You were the first card? It
- 5 never made it. Anyway, I will remember you, then. Okay,
- 6 Catherine, go ahead, quick. And we are going to try to keep
- 7 it crisp, right?
- 8 MS. DUNWOODY: Yes. Thank you for the opportunity
- 9 to participate today. I think you have all my written
- 10 comments and I will not go through those, obviously, you
- 11 have them in hand. I just want to point out, we had a lot
- 12 of discussion about electric drive and Hydrogen, and I just
- 13 wanted to point out Fuel Cell Vehicles are electric drive
- 14 vehicles. I understand the CEC treats BEVs and PHEVs and
- 15 Fuel Cell Vehicles in different categories because of the
- 16 infrastructure needs, but when it comes to looking at, for
- 17 example, the benefits, and there was some discussion about
- 18 the carbon intensity of Hydrogen, BEVs and Fuel Cell
- 19 Vehicles in California are actually equivalent, according to
- 20 the Low Carbon Fuel Standard with regard to the greenhouse
- 21 gas emission reductions. So I just want to remind folks of
- 22 that. And the purpose of submitting these comments is
- 23 really only to correct what we believe is misinformation in
- 24 the Investment Plan, Table C1 and C2. This is not
- 25 necessarily the Partnership's assessment of the needs or

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- 2 of our Annual Progress Report on the Action Plan that we
- 3 published last year. So my main point is just to say that
- 4 it is not just about supply and kilograms a day, it is about
- 5 making sure we have an effective roll-out of fuel stations
- 6 that considers establishing a network that supports
- 7 customers needs in terms of locations, number of stations
- 8 per cluster, and consonance that the fuel will be available
- 9 when and where needed. And those cluster models supported
- 10 by researchers at UC Davis and UC Irvine, among other
- 11 researchers, and it shows that with two or three stations
- 12 per cluster you can maximize convenience for the customer,
- 13 minimize travel times, and use our limited investment
- 14 dollars most effectively. I think it is important for the
- 15 Commission to look separately at fueling needs for passenger
- 16 vehicles and transit, we do this in our Action Plan and we
- 17 have identified the amounts that we think are appropriate
- 18 for each, I think that would be really helpful both in the
- 19 allocation of the original \$40 million and going forward in
- 20 future years. And then my last point is on timing. We
- 21 really do need to allow two years, hopefully this will
- 22 improve over time as we move forward in this process of
- 23 funding stations, and planning and permitting and building
- 24 stations, but the Investment Plan indicates that this could
- 25 be done in one year, and I think there is an implication

- 1 there that we can wait longer to get these stations funded
- 2 and started on the road to being built, and I think it is
- 3 still too early to say that. You have got to consider all
- 4 the factors that need to take place between solicitation and
- 5 actually opening a station, and we think that time is two
- 6 years. It is critical because customers have to have the
- 7 confidence before they lease or purchase a Fuel Cell Vehicle
- 8 that they are going to be able to get the fuel, so the
- 9 infrastructure has to be out there first. So thank you very
- 10 much for the time.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Thanks, Catherine. Danielle.
- MS. FUGERE: Thank you very much. I will be
- 13 quick. I want to thank staff for such an in-depth report.
- 14 I think the discussions here today is a testament to the
- 15 fact that you gave us a lot to talk about and think about.
- 16 So with that, I would echo some of the concerns for
- 17 additional information that other folks have made, and today
- 18 my main point is my concern about the sustainability which
- 19 has been echoed by many people here today. But we spend a
- 20 lot of time, we as a group invest a lot of time in
- 21 sustainability, and translating the law's requirement for
- 22 sustainability and greenhouse gas reduction into
- 23 sustainability criteria and scoring. And what has happened
- 24 is it seems like all of that has just been thrown to the
- 25 wind, and so I think it makes sense to go back to the

- 1 criteria that was established, that criteria was very in-
- 2 depth, it gave guidance to project applicants, it is much
- 3 less subjective than the brief statements that are currently
- 4 in place, and I just think there does not seem to be any
- 5 rational basis for stepping away from what is really quite
- 6 specific and useful on the part of everybody. And I believe
- 7 that criteria also supports our group's concerns because not
- 8 all that criteria is biofuel-related, and so it sets up
- 9 sustainability issues from water to feedstock inputs and
- 10 various other things, so it makes sense, I think, and I
- 11 think it has been echoed here, that we talk about going back
- 12 to that criteria. So I think that is my main point. So
- 13 thank you very much and I look forward to working with you
- 14 guys.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Thank you, Danielle.
- 16 MR. HWANG: Can I just ask a quick question of
- 17 Danielle, just to clarify. When you say the criteria, you
- 18 mean the criteria that was originally proposed in the April
- 19 22<sup>nd</sup> solicitations?
- 20 MS. FUGERE: Correct, the solicitation criteria,
- 21 there were multiple sustainability points. I think they
- were numbered.
- MR. HWANG: Right.
- COMMISSIONER BOYD: That is all right, we have got
- 25 the point made, you just connected with Roland's earlier

- 1 concern, right.
- 2 MS. FUGERE: Clarifying, thank you.
- 3 MR. HWANG: Okay, this is clarifying, yeah, okay,
- 4 thanks.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Matt Peak.
- 6 MR. PEAK: I wanted to thank everybody for such a
- 7 thoughtful day of discussion. I really enjoyed it. And I
- 8 wanted to talk to you about two things that, well, one thing
- 9 that I heard today and one thing that I have read in the
- 10 Investment Plan that I wanted to comment on. One --
- 11 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Matt, I forgot to announce
- 12 where you are from. Would you tell the audience who you are
- 13 representing here?
- MR. PEAK: Sure. I am Matt Peak, I am with Prize
- 15 Capital out of Los Angeles. And I hear a constant theme
- 16 throughout the day about cost-effectiveness, about
- 17 leveraging the state's funds, which I really appreciate.
- 18 And building upon that, I would like to highlight a comment
- 19 on page 69 of the Draft Investment Plan that talks about the
- 20 notion of prize competitions, and what Prize Capital does is
- 21 we fit directly into this niche by working with prize
- 22 awarding entities to leverage small pots of money into
- 23 something that is truly magnificent and game changing. And
- 24 what I mean by prize competitions is these competitions that
- 25 have over a 300-year historical precedent, going back to

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- 2 navigation. I am talking about the Feynman prize which was
- 3 a \$25,000 prize that spurred nine teams to invest \$400,000,
- 4 one of which was Charles Lindbergh to cross the Atlantic.
- 5 And I am talking about the Ansari X Prize which, in 2004,
- 6 was a \$10 million prize which spurred 26 teams to invest a
- 7 cumulative \$100 million to chase a prize, commercialize
- 8 space tourism, and today, five years later, help spur the
- 9 development of a \$1.6 billion industry. Where Prize Capital
- 10 plays is at the intersection of prices in the environment,
- 11 energy and the environment. And we have been scoping out
- 12 microbes, algae, and other advanced feed stocks for
- 13 renewable fuels over the past couple of years. We had the
- 14 fortune to present to the Energy Commission last fall about
- 15 some concepts that we had for a California aspect to the
- 16 algae fuel prizes we were dubbing it at the time, and we
- 17 expect a pretty significant announcement probably towards
- 18 the beginning of the second quarter of this year, along the
- 19 lines of what we presented to the Commission last fall and
- 20 working with organizations in the Midwest, and would
- 21 definitely like to recommend that the state open the door to
- 22 prizes because we see tremendous opportunity -- we would
- 23 welcome the opportunity to bid for projects, focus on
- 24 leveraging the state's money with private industry, with
- 25 private investment dollars, and so on and so forth. We also

- 1 see tremendous potential to link the state's efforts with
- 2 other states. This is insight that we are gaining right now
- 3 with our talks in the Midwest. And to restate my
- 4 recommendations that I made in the fall, there are three of
- 5 them, one was we believe strongly that the state has the
- 6 potential to be a leading fuel producer, and so we recommend
- 7 that the Energy Commission target funds that enable the
- 8 state to reach its potential, focusing on production. Now,
- 9 our prize competition that we are preparing to launch is
- 10 just focused on production. Secondly, we are recommending
- 11 that the CEC direct a portion of its funds towards
- 12 mechanisms that leverage private funds to maximize benefit.
- 13 This is fully in line with what I have heard today from
- 14 Commissioner Eggert, from Roland, from others presenting.
- 15 And third, we see that the AB 118 funds are very much
- 16 appropriate for, you know, playing a role in this mechanism.
- 17 And I would, again, look forward to the opportunity to
- 18 either bid, to continue discussions with the state, to talk
- 19 about leveraging the state's money as everybody around this
- 20 table has today with private industry, through a prize
- 21 competition to generate on-the-ground real world results.
- 22 Thank you.
- COMMISSIONER BOYD: Thank you, Matt. Dr.
- 24 Miyasato, South Coast District.
- DR. MIYASATO: Thank you, Commissioner Boyd. And

- 1 I want to congratulate the staff and also those here for
- 2 their fortitude in sitting throughout the day. I just
- 3 wanted to present the South Coast AQMD staff input on the
- 4 Investment Plan. Again, for the record, Matt Miyasato, I am
- 5 the Assistant Deputy for Technology Advancement on the South
- 6 Coast AQMD. I also want to be able to acknowledge the
- 7 Energy Commission and the staff for co-funding two of the
- 8 ARRA awards that the South Coast won, in particular, the
- 9 Transportation and Electrification which was for plug-in
- 10 hybrid electric vehicles in the medium-duty class, and then
- 11 also for LNG natural gas drainage trucks that were reported
- 12 by Chuck and others. And that really highlights a long
- 13 history that the South Coast has had in working with the
- 14 Energy Commission, this dates all the way back from the
- 15 first introduction of alcohol fuels in the State of
- 16 California, heavy-duty natural gas engine development,
- 17 natural gas infrastructure, and even Hydrogen fueling
- 18 stations. So we see AB 118 as another opportunity to,
- 19 again, leverage our partnership. We see our goals aligned
- 20 well with the AB 118 program, in particular, what we call
- 21 our Research Development Demonstration and Deployment
- 22 Program or RD-Cubed. Where our first goal has to be
- 23 criteria pollutant emission reductions, so in line with what
- 24 Bonnie was saying, it has really got to be health effects
- 25 driven. But if you look at the goals of our program

- 1 compared to goals of AB 118, we see these are tightly
- 2 aligned and can be leveraged quite nicely. And the intent
- 3 is to accelerate the commercial development of clean
- 4 technologies. I just want to remind the folks in the room,
- 5 the Commissioners, that the South Coast Region has the worst
- 6 air quality in the nation that results in over 6,000 deaths
- 7 per year for not meeting the PM2.5 and Ozone Health
- 8 Standards, and you can see acute bronchitis and other types
- 9 of associated health effects, but also economic effects to
- 10 the region. And recall that over 40 percent of the state's
- 11 population lives in the South Coast Air Basin. And so it
- 12 behooves us to move toward cleaner technologies as quickly
- 13 as possible and leveraging each others fundings and
- 14 resources to the extent possible. Back in October, our
- 15 Board approved our research plan which looked at these
- 16 different categories, so electric hybrids, fuel cells,
- 17 engine development, etc., and we had a modest amount of
- 18 funding compared to your \$100 million -- it is about \$10
- 19 million per year, but they resourced those in categories
- 20 that match very well with what we see the research plan that
- 21 is developed by staff, and it has presented today. But, as
- 22 I mentioned, if you look at the total dollar amounts, it
- 23 does dwarf our resource allocations, but if you look at the
- 24 ratio of those categories compared to the totals, which is
- 25 shown on this slide, it shows that it matches very nicely

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- 2 to be on hybrid and electric drive technologies, and that is
- 3 where the CEC has funding in the draft plan, Hydrogen fuel
- 4 infrastructure, engine development and technology, natural
- 5 gas deployment, and also emissions studies which we are
- 6 calling Analyses Tech Transfer and Outreach. So we see
- 7 there are a lot of opportunities for synergies between our
- 8 two programs. A final comment is that we believe that staff
- 9 did a good job in maintaining a balance of capturing near-
- 10 term emissions benefits, not only criteria pollutant
- 11 emissions benefits, obviously greenhouse gas emission
- 12 benefits, but also laying the groundwork for longer term
- 13 technology development such as cellulosic Ethanol, Hydrogen
- 14 fuel cells, etc. Last year was an interesting year because
- 15 of the economic downturn and the ARRA opportunities, but now
- 16 is the time to step back and say perhaps what was missed,
- 17 where are the gaps, and I want to highlight something that
- 18 Pete Price brought up and I think the staff has also
- 19 identified in their table, one area where there was funding
- 20 taken away and it looks like it was being put in the
- 21 biomethane is light-duty natural gas vehicles. Now, the
- 22 AQMD has long been supportive of certifying, verifying
- 23 natural gas conversions in the light-duty sector, we simply
- 24 show this as an opportunity the CEC could come back to the
- 25 fold and help us implement such a program where we have buy-

- 1 downs and incentives for the light-duty sector, and we
- 2 believe that helps with the heavy-duty sector, as well, by
- 3 providing infrastructure and load for those stations. So,
- 4 with that, I am going to close with this slide, is that we
- 5 want to reiterate our commitment and also our offer to help
- 6 administer these types of programs where we could leverage
- 7 each other's -- not only our co-funding but our resources,
- 8 expertise, and we do have a history of program delivery
- 9 where our staff and the administration, we have the
- 10 infrastructure to do these contracts, and I am going to
- 11 bring up a next graphic that I showed January in 2009, in
- 12 this same room is that I think, together, we both could do
- 13 it and implement this program successfully. So with that,
- 14 thank you, Commissioner Boyd and Eggert.
- 15 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: Matt, actually just a quick
- 16 question with respect to your CNG activities. Is any of
- 17 that currently utilizing biomethane in the vehicles?
- 18 MR. PEAK: There are no -- there is not sufficient
- 19 production where it could use it, but that is not to say it
- 20 would not be able to -- so there is no technical reason why
- 21 these vehicles could not accept biomethane, there is just no
- 22 production.
- 23 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: Got it, thanks.
- COMMISSIONER BOYD: Let me just say, Matt, that we
- 25 would be happy to work with you as we have in the past, and

- 1 appreciate the offer. And nice to see the similarities in
- 2 trends in plans, anyway. Jamie Levin, AC Transit.
- 3 MR. LEVIN: Thanks, Commissioner Boyd for your
- 4 interest in my --
- 5 COMMISSIONER BOYD: The Bus Man, as labeled by
- 6 President Bush. I saw it and heard it.
- 7 MR. LEVIN: -- you had to remind me of that. But
- 8 I will say, I took the Capitol Corridor up here and I'm
- 9 going back on the Capitol Corridor, and it is a nice and
- 10 relaxing, environmentally friendly way to do it. First of
- 11 all, I want to comment with respect to the staff draft plan
- 12 and thank staff for including transit within the hydrogen
- 13 infrastructure development program. That is a great
- 14 improvement over the last draft plan and I want to thank
- 15 them for recognizing the work that we are accomplishing in
- 16 the Bay Area. I would also like to extend my views of what
- 17 is happening with hydrogen and heavy-duty applications based
- 18 on Commissioner Eggert's comment about planning seeds, and
- 19 note for this group, for the Advisory Committee, that we
- 20 planted these seeds in the Bay Area. We are sprouting
- 21 leaves and we are on the verge of sprouting blossoms. We
- 22 are not just AC Transit, it is the five largest transit
- 23 systems in the Bay Area that are now in partnership working
- 24 together. Our current fleet of three buses has over 225,000
- 25 miles on it. We have carried over 580,000 people. The fuel

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- 1 cells are in excess of 5,000 hours of continuous operation
- 2 with no sign of degradation. We are moving forward with
- 3 receiving very soon in the next several months our fleet of
- 4 new buses which are remarkably better than our current fleet
- 5 of buses. We have awarded a contract with Linde to build
- 6 two new state-of-the-art fueling stations that will
- 7 replicate heavy-duty fleet fueling protocol. And we are
- 8 starting construction on one of those stations. We are
- 9 hoping to be a competitor for AB 118 funds for the second of
- 10 those two stations. We are one of the ARRA recipients of
- 11 Stimulus funding, which has given us \$6.4 million to build a
- 12 new solar installation and that is specifically for the
- 13 purpose of energizing an electrolyzer to produce the
- 14 hydrogen that we will use for our fleet. We are shovel-
- 15 ready, in fact, we have already started shoveling, and we
- 16 are able and ready to spend funds. And I think what we are
- 17 doing in the Bay Area -- which represents the state's
- 18 efforts, the state has largely funded our program to date --
- 19 is a center of excellence, and that is what is necessary. I
- 20 think one of the other members of staff mentioned the
- 21 importance of that center of excellence. Lastly, I would
- 22 just as a matter of observation, and I guess as a question,
- 23 if there are any members on the Advisory Committee that are
- 24 deemed hydrogen expert, because I did not detect that
- 25 expertise in the discussion, and I think it would be

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- 2 include someone of that background. Thank you very much.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BOYD: I think Tom Cackette would be
- 4 roundly insulted.
- 5 MR. LEVIN: He represents the ARB, not Hydrogen.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BOYD: All right.
- 7 MR. MIZUTANI: What about Commissioner Eggert?
- 8 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Commissioner Eggert, also, but
- 9 he has got another bias, too, the Energy Commissioner.
- 10 Richard Schorske, Bay Area EV Corridor Project. And I gave
- 11 deference to the Bay Area part figuring we kept you here a
- 12 long time. You will be followed by Tom Fulks and then Chuck
- 13 White.
- MR. SCHORSKE: Thank you, members of the Advisory
- 15 Board and the Commission. My name is Richard Schorske. I
- 16 am Executive Director of the EV Communities Alliance. We
- 17 are a nonprofit organization which partners with industry
- 18 and government to build EV ready regions that accelerate the
- 19 deployment of electric drive vehicles, thereby reducing
- 20 greenhouse emissions, enhancing energy security, and
- 21 boosting economic vitality. The EV Communities Alliance is
- 22 partnering with the Association of Bay Area Governments in
- 23 nine counties within the greater San Francisco Bay Area, as
- 24 well as key industry nonprofit and public agency partners to
- 25 collaboratively develop the Greater Bay Area EV Corridor

- 1 Project. The Goal of the EV Corridor is to establish the
- 2 Greater Bay Area as the EV Capitol of the United States, as
- 3 measured by the nation's highest per capita deployment of
- 4 electric drive vehicles, and thereby to reduce light-duty
- 5 vehicle emissions by at least 70 percent by the year 2040.
- 6 As an initial step towards this goal, the Corridor Project,
- 7 with ABAG as lead agency, recently submitted a request for
- 8 \$1.9 million in Energy Commission funding, matched by \$2
- 9 million in committed local funding to build out an initial
- 10 network of 540 EV charge points throughout the nine county
- 11 area. In addition, we are seeking an additional \$1.8
- 12 million in special federal appropriations to expand this
- 13 network to a total of 720 charge points in 12 counties by
- 14 the end of calendar year 2011. We have also developed plans
- 15 to accelerate charging through a multi-stakeholder EV
- 16 streamline initiative and likewise are working toward a goal
- 17 of inter-operability among charge vendors. This past
- 18 Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, the EV Corridor Project Steering Team
- 19 met to consider our response to the most recent draft of the
- 20 Investment Plan. I have been asked by the Steering Team to
- 21 convey our deep concern that the proposed \$3 million
- 22 allocation for EV infrastructure falls far short of the
- 23 needs of the Bay Area and other regions that are seeking to
- 24 advance EVs as a core plan solution. Most industry analysts
- 25 believe that the initial success of electric drive vehicles,

- 1 especially less expensive BEVs such as the Nissan Leaf, will
- 2 depend in large part on the availability of publicly
- 3 accessible EV charging stations. Furthermore, while there
- 4 has been a general assumption that most EV charging will
- 5 take place overnight in the garages of single-family
- 6 residences, the reality and densely urbanized areas like San
- 7 Francisco, San Jose, Oakland, and other parts of the Bay
- 8 Area, is that well over half of our urban corridor residents
- 9 at all income levels do not have private garage space under
- 10 their control. Many of these residents will rely
- 11 exclusively on publicly accessible chargers that, at least
- 12 initially, must be publicly financed to a significant
- 13 degree. Currently, the basic math on charge stations in our
- 14 region is that the acquisition and installation of a
- 15 networked EV charger in a public location will cost
- 16 somewhere in the neighborhood of \$5,000 to \$10,000 and yield
- 17 one to two individual charge points per EV charger. In the
- 18 Bay Area, we anticipate that as many as 8,000 EVs could be
- 19 deployed in the 12-county region by the end of 2011, and as
- 20 many as 30,000 by 2013, of which approximately half could be
- 21 BEVs. Of these 30,000 vehicles, as many as 20 percent, or
- 22 6,000, could be purchased by individuals living in multi-
- 23 family developments, which will require some kind of
- 24 publicly accessible EV charging either at work or near their
- 25 residence. Conservatively, we believe that a network of

- 1 3,000 to 5,000 publicly accessible charge points will be
- 2 needed by 2012 to adequately serve this EV fleet, especially
- 3 the BEV component. That network will itself cost upwards of
- 4 \$3 million in additional state resources for the Bay Area,
- 5 alone. And that is assuming that we continue to develop
- 6 robust private and public agency matches we have through the
- 7 TFCA and through other sources. We believe that other
- 8 regions in the state, especially Los Angeles and other large
- 9 cities with large concentrations of multi-family housing,
- 10 will likewise require a robust publicly accessible charger
- 11 network. And I might add, as you know, in the San Diego and
- 12 Portland and other deployments of EVSCs, the ratio is far
- 13 greater than what we propose in terms of vehicles to charge
- 14 points, notably 2,500 plus in Portland for a much smaller
- 15 region and 12,000 in London for a region that is also
- 16 smaller than the Bay Area. While the optimal ratio of EVs
- 17 to publicly accessible charge stations is still being
- 18 debated, it is clear that even a ratio of one publicly
- 19 accessible charger to two or three EV electric drive
- 20 vehicles will require substantially more state investment
- 21 than is currently planned. We strongly urge that the
- 22 Advisory Committee consider at least a doubling of the
- 23 planned allocation to EV infrastructure to \$6 million by
- 24 2011. Every EV charging station will do double-duty as an
- 25 advertisement for EVs and a vote of confidence for

1	consumers,	that	California	is	truly	an	ΕV	ready	state.	We
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- 2 believe that this is an essential message to convey if we
- 3 are to achieve the EV deployment goals outlined in CARB's
- 4 2050 Fuels Vision and to achieve our AB 32 reduction goals
- 5 in the transportation sector. Thank you for your
- 6 consideration of these perspectives of the Greater Bay Area
- 7 Local Governments and Sustainable Mobility stakeholders.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Thank you. Tom Fulks. You
- 9 are wearing the Mighty Comm hat today, huh?
- 10 MR. FULKS: Yes, Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner
- 11 Eggert. Tom Fulks. I am representing Mighty Comm -- I am
- 12 here as Mighty Comm primarily because we have so many
- 13 clients who have an interest in AB 118 that it is impossible
- 14 for me to today do the bidding of one single client. These
- 15 include Robert Bosch Diesel Systems, Robert Bosch Research
- 16 and Technology Center, which is working on advanced battery
- 17 technology, Daimler Fuel Cell Vehicles -- Daimler Fuel Cell
- 18 Program, I should say -- Nestek Oil Renewable Diesel out of
- 19 Finland. And so, because of that, I am explaining this to
- 20 sort of preface my remarks so you understand where I am
- 21 coming from. I have got a few specific points that I have
- 22 sat through today making notice, so I will just go down, one
- 23 by one; this does not mean they are in the order of
- 24 priority, it just means this is how I wrote them down. In
- 25 looking at your slide on funding allocations for biomass-

1	based	diesel.	it	occurred	to	me	 and	Ι	heard	the	remark

- 2 that this would be a cost share financial arrangement, and
- 3 what I would like to request of your staff is for there to
- 4 be -- it seems from slide to slide we are talking loans, we
- 5 are talking grants, we are talking cost-share, and we do not
- 6 really seem to know which financial arrangement applies to
- 7 which technology allocation. So since you have already put
- 8 a spreadsheet together, I would suggest adding a column that
- 9 talks about your financial mechanism that you intend to use
- 10 on that particular allocation for that particular
- 11 technology. It can be confusing for some of your Applicants
- 12 who just do not really know what to expect when they come
- 13 in, other than having to -- let me put it this way --
- 14 backing up from the public perspective, looking at your
- 15 information online, or picking up documents, there is no
- 16 explanation of how this financial relationship is going to
- 17 work. And it does not take a lot to just include a line
- 18 indicating which one you prefer on that technology. So I
- 19 beat that one to death. Similarly, I would like to support
- 20 the comments from Tom Cackette with regard to your vehicle
- 21 roll-out criterion that was applied to Fuel Cell Vehicle
- 22 technology. It seems to me that if you were to at least
- 23 attempt to apply the same criterion to, let's just say
- 24 electric drive, it cannot be that difficult, you have gotten
- 25 the information from the fuel cell manufacturers, many of

- 1 the same people within those companies are also working on
- 2 electric drive and battery driven electric drive and so
- 3 forth. It cannot be that difficult to at least make the
- 4 attempt to find out what their vehicle deployment numbers
- 5 are going to be within the time frames you have laid out.
- 6 You have already got the template established for Fuel Cell
- 7 Vehicle deployment schedules, it is worth the effort. And
- 8 the reason I bring this up is because I would be willing to
- 9 bet you right now that the numbers that you hear from the
- 10 manufacturers on their plug-in and battery electric vehicle
- 11 deployments are going to be significantly different from
- 12 what you are mapping out in your Investment Plan right now,
- 13 I will just leave it at that. Go find out for yourselves,
- 14 but my dollars are on what I just said. Moving on, I have
- 15 got a specific question about Hydrogen and that is when does
- 16 the solicitation for the previous cycle, the \$22 million --
- 17 when does that solicitation specifically go out? I have
- 18 heard soon, but do we have a date? Do you know? Can you
- 19 tell me a time frame? A week? A month? It is important
- 20 for some of the folks I work for.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Mr. Ward, have you got a
- 22 response or Chuck?
- MR. WARD: More like a month than a week. We have
- 24 a draft of that right now.
- MR. FULKS: Okay, thank you. And then, I do not

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- 1 know if I missed it today, but the question I have is why
- 2 was the allocation for the first-year funding reduced from
- 3 \$40 million to \$22 million? I mean, I suspect I know what
- 4 the answer is, but I did not hear it stated today.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BOYD: I thought it was discussed ad
- 6 nauseum, but maybe that was just me.
- 7 MR. FULKS: You know what, I'll pass on that one.
- 8 I'll just do that one privately. Moving on to the --
- 9 actually, this is one of those arcane line items, but it is
- 10 important, it has been mentioned several times, and that is
- 11 the marketing, the \$2.5 million or the \$2 million for
- 12 marketing, or whatever it is, I do not really recall seeing
- 13 an RFB going out for the last marketing allocation, maybe
- 14 you did, I just do not know if that was put out to bid or
- 15 not. I read your staff report that you were relying a lot
- 16 on your own staff marketing expertise and that you had some
- 17 consulting services that went along with that. I do not
- 18 know that that went out to bid. My question is, is the next
- 19 round of funding going to be subject to bid, or will that be
- 20 sole sourced?
- 21 MR. MIZUTANI: Are you talking about the education
- 22 and outreach?
- MR. FULKS: Yes.
- MR. MIZUTANI: \$1 million?
- MR. FULKS: No, the \$2 million for your --

1	MR. MIZUTANI: Marketing analysis?
2	MR. FULKS: Yes. Public Outreach and Education is
3	\$1 million oh, yeah, \$1 million. No, that is the old
4	one. I am talking about the new allocation or the next
5	funding cycle, the '10-'11 funding cycle. I think you have
6	\$2 million slated for that. Will that be put out to bid?
7	MR. MIZUTANI: Yes.
8	MR. FULKS: Okay. Thanks. Now, the last point I
9	would like to get to is the issue of process and the
10	transparency, and this is why I am representing Mighty Comm
11	as opposed to any of my clients in making these statements.
12	And that is that, at least from the outside looking in, the
13	makeup and the process that the CEC has gone through to
14	gather your Advisory Committee, from the outside, is
15	anything but transparent, at least as far as my perspective
16	is concerned, me talking for Mighty Comm. And the reason I
17	bring this up is because I do not recall seeing any public
18	notices, or any invitations to join, or any call for
19	qualifications, or anything of that nature related to the
20	makeup of the Advisory Committee. I do not have any
21	vendetta with anyone on the Advisory Committee, I think they
22	are all great, and the reason I am bringing this up is
23	because I have Hydrogen clients. I sat here all day
24	listening to people hammer away at Hydrogen funding, and we
25	had one person basically making responses to that and that

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- 1 was the individual of the Air Resources Board, who really is
- 2 not technically a Hydrogen advocate, at least that is not
- 3 the role that I am assuming that that committee membership
- 4 conveys. I would like to back-up what Jamie Levin said, and
- 5 that is could you at least expand the makeup of your
- 6 Advisory Committee to include someone who can speak to the
- 7 Hydrogen issue because I am looking at now, you have got an
- 8 advocate for Ethanol on Board, he is not even a state
- 9 resident. The least you can do is send somebody out here to
- 10 pay taxes in California, to advice California public policy,
- 11 that is -- you know, I do not think that is too much to ask.
- 12 You have got biodiesel advocates, you have got natural gas
- 13 advocates, propane advocates, EV advocates, you have got
- 14 advocates for everything in here except for Hydrogen. You
- 15 do not have any engine manufacturers, you know, I represent
- 16 the Diesel Technology Forum and they represent every single
- 17 diesel engine maker out there. And I bring this up because
- 18 relegating public comment to the end of the day when
- 19 everybody is gone, everybody is hungry, everybody wants to
- 20 leave, you miss out on some expertise that you may be able
- 21 to take advantage of if you are more inclusive in terms of
- 22 who is advising you. In the biodiesel emissions issue,
- 23 Bonnie, to your point, specifically, I just about came out
- 24 of my skin during that conversation primarily because of the
- 25 direct involvement many of my clients have in that issue,

- 1 for example, there is a  $NO_x$  penalty, there is a significant
- 2 NO $_{x}$  increase coming from biodiesel according to ARB's own
- 3 emissions calculations, using non-NO $_{x}$  treated engines. So if
- 4 there is a 20 percent blend of the biodiesel fuel, for
- 5 example, your  $NO_x$  numbers go up so much that you basically
- 6 threaten the compliance of light-duty diesel vehicles under
- 7 the proposed new BEV 3 specifications for  $NO_x$ . We are
- 8 talking micrograms of  $NO_x$  per kilometer in terms of getting
- 9 these vehicles to be able to comply with  $NO_x$  numbers, as it
- 10 is. Now, if we incorporate a fuel that blows those  $NO_x$
- 11 numbers through the roof, or through the threshold, you end
- 12 up with a fuel that is basically unusable with your light-
- 13 duty fleet. That is not going to happen here, there are
- 14 additives that are being suggested, and so forth. But the
- 15 engine makers, Bonnie, and my clients are as concerned about
- 16 criteria emissions, specifically  $NO_x$ , as your organization is
- 17 because there are  $NO_x$  numbers that have to be met. And you
- 18 have one thing that comes in to mess up that equation like a
- 19 fuel that is out of spec, or like a fuel that knocks your
- 20 numbers loose, it is a problem. And so those are the sorts
- 21 of items of information that could be helpful if you were to
- 22 just add a couple more chairs to the table, throw a couple
- 23 more people in, and ask more people for their opinions. So,
- 24 again, I am finished, I have taken up way more than my three
- 25 minutes, but I did want to just bring to your attention

- 1 that, in the interest of transparency vs. opaqueness, I
- 2 would really encourage you to, first of all, explain the
- 3 process that you use to select your Advisory Committee
- 4 members and, secondly, consider expanding the seats at the
- 5 table so that you have got the people who have to make the
- 6 vehicles that everybody says they want. It would not be a
- 7 bad idea to ask them what they think. And so I will leave
- 8 it at that. Thank you very much.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Thank you, Tom. Charles
- 10 White, Waste Management.
- 11 MR. WHITE: Thanks, Commissioner Boyd,
- 12 Commissioner Eggert, remaining members of the Committee, and
- 13 the public. Chuck White with Waste Management. Waste
- 14 Management, as many of you know, is currently producing the
- 15 lowest carbon fuel in California, in partnership with Linde
- 16 at our Altamont Landfill which is just about 70 miles from
- 17 here. It is about 85 percent reduction in carbon intensity
- 18 from a diesel pathway under the Low Carbon Fuel Standards.
- 19 We think that the actual is even lower than that. We would
- 20 like to continue expanding, converting landfill gas into
- 21 LNG, but there are other kinds of waste derived fuels, waste
- 22 derived biofuels -- LNG, CNG, we would like to see if we can
- 23 get landfill gas into pipelines if we look to vehicle
- 24 fueling stations, but right now you cannot do that in
- 25 California because of CPUC. The Gas Technology Institute,

1	which h	as is	also	partnering	with us	on	putting	our	plant

- 2 together at Altamont, is starting up about a half-year \$1.5
- 3 million study to take a look at standardizing the criteria,
- 4 the treatment that has to get done to get landfilled gas
- 5 into pipeline. We would like to see the Energy Commission
- 6 get more involved in that. Anaerobic digestion -- we are
- 7 looking at investing in anaerobic digestion technologies to
- 8 put the organic waste into anaerobic digesters before it
- 9 even goes into a landfill. We are looking at biodiesel
- 10 technologies. We are also looking at bio-gasoline, which is
- 11 one of the points I wanted to raise to you today. You have
- 12 an Ethanol category which is meant to be a substitute for
- 13 gasoline, but it is not very broad, it just simply seems to
- 14 be Ethanol, although in the staff report and the discussion
- 15 there is reference made to other types of bio-gasoline type
- 16 substitutes, but it is not clear to me that, when the
- 17 solicitation comes out in the next six to nine months from
- 18 now under this plan, whether or not I would be able to
- 19 submit an alternative to Ethanol within that category and be
- 20 able to be successful and get funding if I am competitive in
- 21 all other areas. So I would urge you to consider expanding
- 22 the Ethanol category to a gasoline substitute category and
- 23 allow other types of projects that might be more fit. We
- 24 actually think that our terrabond process that we have
- 25 invested in that produces organic salts from waste, and we

1	think	it	produces	more	energy	per	gallon,	it	does	not

- 2 require the mixing problems you have with Ethanol, it goes
- 3 right into the refining process to make gasoline. We are
- 4 seriously looking at sites in California today to actually
- 5 set one of these facilities up and AB 118 funding would be
- 6 really helpful. Another point I wanted to make, just
- 7 leading off of something Mark Leary said earlier, is the
- 8 whole issue of waste-derived fuels, and tying into several
- 9 comments that were made about low-carbon intensity. One of
- 10 the reasons the Altamont Plant produces such low-carbon fuel
- 11 is it is waste-derived, it is waste material. It is the
- 12 lowest carbon feedstock right now to produce fuels in
- 13 California. There are 25 million tons of that going into
- 14 landfills per year. It is expensive to pull it up, to
- 15 segregate it, to process it, to treat it, to make the
- 16 landfill gas to LNG, to make anaerobic digestion to make
- 17 terrabond bio-gasoline. We would like to get started doing
- 18 that and we think it would be the lowest carbon. So I would
- 19 like to see the report and to make a recommendation that
- 20 there be an incentive, a recognition given to waste derived
- 21 fuels, or at least waste fuels that have the lowest carbon
- 22 intensity and, for example, if you have got a variety of
- 23 categories and a number of them would be bio-diesel Ethanol,
- 24 if you could make that into bio-gasoline, biomethane, and
- 25 the innovative technologies, that is about \$50 million that

- 1 could be used to various types of biofuel technologies, but
- 2 you seem to be constrained by limits in each of these
- 3 categories. And it would be nice if I came in with a very
- 4 low carbon fuel for which maybe the funding has already been
- 5 exhausted in that category, and there is another project I
- 6 am competing with another category that has a much higher
- 7 carbon intensity, why wouldn't you direct funds to the lower
- 8 carbon intensity project that may be a waste-derived fuel,
- 9 or it may be a crop derived fuel? But we really feel
- 10 positive about the opportunities that exist to convert waste
- 11 into energy here in California, in particular fuels. I
- 12 think it was Ms. Sharpless that made the comment about how
- 13 can you ensure that there is private investment behind it.
- 14 And Waste Management works very closely with Kleiner-
- 15 Perkins, it is a well-renowned investment house that really
- 16 focuses on green technologies, we look to them for advice on
- 17 what we think are technologies that are really going to be
- 18 convertible into real scale projects. Vice President Al
- 19 Gore happens to be on the Board of Directors. So, in
- 20 summary, I guess three changes that I would be looking for
- 21 and we think the report has been great -- but, 1) I would
- 22 say, can you really give more emphasis overall to waste-
- 23 derived fuels, or at least low carbon intensity fuels as a
- 24 priority; it is mentioned in each of the categories, but it
- 25 really does not seem to be an over-arching emphasis in the

- 1 report as a whole, and how money can be emphasized to do
- 2 waste-derived for low-carbon fuels. I would ask, secondly,
- 3 that the Ethanol category be broadened to be bio-gasoline
- 4 substitutes, whether it is Ethanol, or terrabond, or some
- 5 other technology, and let us compete head to head on whether
- 6 or not we can come up with the capital financing for the
- 7 low-carbon substitution, and if we can, then we should be
- 8 able to secure some measure of AB 118 funding. And then,
- 9 finally, the whole issue of carbon intensity, I am sure it
- 10 would be really great if you could emphasize the low carbon
- 11 intensity in those fuels that can demonstrate a low carbon
- 12 intensity, that they would be a higher priority funding than
- 13 others. Thank you very much.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Thanks, Chuck. Mike Ryan,
- 15 Coreen Vehicles.
- 16 MR. RYAN: Hi. Thanks for the opportunity to
- 17 speak to you. With respect to battery electric vehicle
- 18 market for wide adoption of battery electric vehicles, I
- 19 just wanted to make a couple comments. There seems to be in
- 20 the next few years a deep-seated need for a daily commuter
- 21 vehicle that serves the needs of medium-income families.
- 22 Coreen Vehicles is a producer of, a manufacturer of three-
- 23 wheeled lithium ion battery electric vehicles and component
- 24 technologies. Our company, as well as one of our
- 25 competitors at Terra, have already produced, sold, and

- 1 delivered vehicles that are under low volume production
- 2 programs. And I guess I just wanted to comment or recommend
- 3 that the Commission consider three-wheeled electric vehicles
- 4 within the vehicle component manufacturing aspects of your
- 5 Investment Plan. And I would add that there is a sort of
- 6 multiplier effect as we are working cooperatively with other
- 7 innovative technologies including California-based component
- $8\,$  and battery manufacturers. And then I actually had a
- 9 question in a related, but not directly related to our
- 10 business, but I think important, nevertheless. The
- 11 Investment Plan talks about advancement technology warranty
- 12 or replacement aspects, such as the Nissan seem to be
- 13 offering battery leasing as part of their business model as
- 14 a way to remove the perceived lifecycle risk of owning
- 15 battery electric vehicles. And this seems like a
- 16 potentially successful model for accelerating the
- 17 proliferation of battery electric vehicles. I just wondered
- 18 if the Commission is considering anything along these lines
- 19 to help promote that type of model in terms of working with
- 20 financiers to grow that business model.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Well, just speaking for
- 22 myself, to address your last point, and I should probably
- 23 let staff talk to this, but, you know, we have talked a lot
- 24 about battery provision models, including battery leasing.
- 25 To get to your other points about the three-wheel vehicles

- 1 and vehicles, in general, as you probably heard earlier
- 2 today, our piece of the program, one, we do not have a bias
- 3 against three-wheel vehicles that I am aware of, but --
- 4 unfortunately we seem to have lost the entire ARB delegation
- 5 -- but they are the ones who, through their piece of 118,
- 6 they are incenting vehicle purchases and what have you,
- 7 whereas we are more in the infrastructure business. And we
- 8 will see that they get your message and there is somebody
- 9 sitting next me who is probably real good at providing that.
- 10 But that is just a reaction. Do you want to correct me on
- 11 something?
- MR. RYAN: Well, no, I do not want to correct you,
- 13 but --
- 14 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Please do.
- 15 MR. RYAN: -- I am talking specifically to the
- 16 manufacturing aspects.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Oh, okay, good point. And
- 18 tell me, Peter, is there any -- I am not aware that, in
- 19 vehicle manufacturing, we would have any bias against three-
- 20 wheel vehicles, would we?
- 21 MR. WARREN: No bias against it at all. We just
- 22 do not have enough -- this year, it is battery
- 23 manufacturers, electric vehicle [inaudible] and that was in
- 24 our Investment Plan for last year [inaudible].
- MR. RYAN: Okay.

1	COMMISSIONER	BOYD:	Thank you	l.
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- 2 MR. RYAN: Thank you very much.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Ricky Hanna, Electric Vehicles
- 4 International. I did not do this on purpose, put all the
- 5 electric vehicle people last, that is just the way the card
- 6 shuffle ended up.
- 7 MR. HANNA: No offense taken. Well, thank you
- 8 very much for giving me the opportunity to present today.
- 9 Just a little introduction to our company. We are a 20-
- 10 year-old electric vehicle manufacturer. Up until last year,
- 11 we were located in Mexico City. We have relocated to
- 12 Stockton, California. And so far with our move, we have
- 13 hired 20 people. So I have got three comments. The first
- one, would the CEC consider doing a battery buy-back and
- 15 recycling scheme? My biggest headache, which I am guessing
- 16 the CEC wants to know about, is the cost of batteries. And
- 17 batteries are, by far, my most expensive component and it is
- 18 the biggest issue in deploying electric vehicles on a large
- 19 scale. Currently in the automotive forum, the end-life of a
- 20 battery is 80 percent, so the vehicle does 100 miles on day
- 21 one, and after five or six years, it will do 80 miles and
- 22 that is deemed end-of-life in the automotive industry. At
- 23 the moment, fleet operators are paying a huge premium to use
- 24 20 percent of their batteries' capability and I would like
- 25 to propose doing a battery buy-back and recycling scheme

- 1 where recyclers would take batteries back, upgrade them to a
- 2 common set of electronics and communications protocol, and
- 3 recycler and dealer applications like power for cell towers
- 4 and load leveling through peak times, the frequency levels.
- 5 The second comment was the advanced non-road medium- and
- 6 heavy-duty technology, there was a proposed \$2 million for
- 7 that, which I do not think is sufficient. And for non-road
- 8 vehicles, they are usually very heavy-duty, and I am
- 9 thinking port vehicles or ground support in Airports, and \$2
- 10 million seems quite insufficient because heavy-duty by
- 11 nature are a lot more expensive. And the third comment is,
- 12 one of the products we provide is the PHEV retrofit for
- 13 [inaudible]. There was some text in the proposal we read
- 14 about A123 being the only company certified for PHEV
- 15 retrofits. I was not exactly sure in the context of that
- 16 statement whether there will be funding, or will there not
- 17 be funding? And was it just because there was only one
- 18 company?
- 19 MR. MIZUTANI: The Draft Investment Plan was sort
- 20 of posted after we got information from ARB about their
- 21 certification of retrofits of plug-in hybrids. So I think
- 22 right now, as I understand it, A123 does not have a waiver,
- 23 or certified. I am aware of only one company that has, I
- 24 guess, a waiver or a certification for 50 retrofits and that
- 25 is about it. So there is a process going on at ARB, we just

- 1 need to catch up in terms of our Investment Plan.
- 2 MR. HANNA: Okay, well, I just wanted to reinforce
- 3 the point to the CEC and also to the ARB that they we are
- 4 actually in process, that we are trying to get approved, as
- 5 well. So opening up another opportunity for PHEV retrofits,
- 6 we would definitely be very supportive of that.
- 7 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: Just a quick question on the
- 8 retrofit concept. How would that work as a program? I
- 9 mean, would you see that you are basically providing
- 10 incentives for the buy-back? Or --
- 11 MR. HANNA: The -- sorry -- the retrofit -- my
- 12 first comment?
- 13 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: Yes, correct.
- MR. HANNA: Well, because our electric vehicles, I
- 15 mean, in comparison to diesel, are roughly two to three
- 16 times the price, depending on how many batteries, how much
- 17 it depends on how -- most people because of the large
- 18 expense will not lease the vehicles; so, when I talked to a
- 19 leasing company, the first question they asked me is what is
- 20 the residual value on the batteries and, at the moment, we
- 21 have to say zero. So, you know, so we are saying they are
- 22 worthless after five years of leasing when, in fact, they
- 23 are at 80 percent of their original capacity and they are
- 24 useful for many other applications, you know, like frequency
- 25 leveling which is, you know, a big problem in California.

1	And	Ι	think	mу	idea	addresses	two	issues	. 1	) it	is
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- 2 essentially going to bring down the upfront cost of
- 3 purchasing electric vehicles, and 2) it is going to address
- 4 that we are pumping millions of dollars into electric
- 5 vehicles, what are we going to do with all these batteries
- 6 in five or six years' time? It addresses recycling. And
- 7 for back-up power, there is no reason that those batteries
- 8 would not be able to be used for, easy, another 10 years for
- 9 a different application.
- 10 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: Okay, thanks.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Let me comment on the battery
- 12 part of this, and throughout the day there have been several
- 13 things that have come up that I would like to comment on,
- 14 but we would be here until 7:00 tonight. Where there are
- 15 other activities going on in the Commission, they are ready
- 16 to address the issue, but they are not part of the AB 118
- 17 program. A couple years ago, through our other research
- 18 program, the so-called PIER, Public Interest Energy Research
- 19 Program, the Commission started a plug-in electric hybrid
- 20 vehicle research center at the University of California at
- 21 Davis, created a research advisory committee that I happen
- 22 to chair, and one of the earliest projects identified by
- 23 that research advisory committee that was deserving of
- 24 follow-up and funding, which this agency has since done, was
- 25 the very question of secondary use of batteries. And for

1	all the	e various	purposes,	there a	are	potential	applications

- 2 you mentioned, and a few others. So there is underway right
- 3 now that very type of research and I think the center put
- 4 out a solicitation within the last month or so.
- 5 MR. EMMETT: That is open still, right now.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BOYD: So, anyway, we recognize that
- 7 and that is being looked at, and it is a very good point, we
- 8 have seen it right away. The other thing, just to comment
- 9 on the seeming little amount of money devoted to electric
- 10 vehicles in this plan, and certainly the Commissioner and I
- 11 will look more deeply into that with the staff, but the flip
- 12 side of that is, for a number of years, a lot of money has
- 13 been spent here on electric vehicles, and a lot of money is
- 14 being spent by the private sector on getting the grid -- is
- 15 the grid ready, getting the grid ready, how, you know, the
- 16 Utilities are putting up -- both the municipal and investor-
- 17 owned -- are putting a pretty good effort into that activity
- 18 and, again, this research center and the Research Advisory
- 19 Committee has identified quite a long laundry list of the
- 20 kinds of issues that need to get the grid ready. There are
- 21 two major issues right now, first, the first adopters will
- 22 likely be of a certain income strata, that they might not
- 23 live in the same basic part of town, and they really run the
- 24 potential of over-taxing their neighborhood transmission
- 25 distribution system; secondly, all analyses to date have

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- 2 large number of vehicles for quite a long time, predicated
- 3 on off-peak charging. But many of us sit in fear that that
- 4 is not what people are going to do, we heard comments today
- 5 that, if you are going to provide charging, you are going to
- 6 provide it conveniently, that there are so many people that
- 7 do not even live somewhere where they have some access. So
- 8 that is a big problem that, again, is being pursued by other
- 9 activities. So, to the extent that I guess it is the
- 10 staff's knowledge of a lot of this, that may influence their
- 11 feeling of how much money ought to be put in a certain
- 12 category to augment lots of other money that has already
- 13 been spent, or being spent, or the fact that the private
- 14 sector is stepping up because they start seeing business
- 15 cases for some of this, but we will still look into whether
- 16 it relates to a lot of the fuels. So, in any event, just a
- 17 comment or two on the points you raised. And EVI, as we
- 18 call you, we -- the Governor and I and a few other folks
- 19 participated in your ribbon cutting here down in Stockton
- 20 last year and we are grateful to see a company relocate to
- 21 California to build electric vehicles and hire Californians,
- 22 so thank you for that, anyway.
- MR. HANNA: Thank you. And, you know, many people
- 24 ask me, why did you move from Mexico to California, and we
- 25 are big supporters of AB 118 and we really want to keep

- 1 drivers -- because it really has opened up a very attractive
- 2 market for us here. So, thank you for all the hard work.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Thank you. That is the last
- 4 of the blue cards I have here, but is there anyone on the
- 5 phone who has hung in with us, who might want to make a
- 6 statement or ask any other question?
- 7 MR. MIZUTANI: I believe there is a gentleman
- 8 named Russell on the phone.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Mr. Russell?
- MR. STEELE: Do you hear me?
- 11 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Yes. Would you identify
- 12 yourself and your association?
- MR. STEELE: Yes, this is Russ Steele with
- 14 Biodiesel --
- 15 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Oh, hi, Russ.
- MR. STEELE: Good morning -- or good afternoon, or
- 17 whatever it is. It was a pleasure to virtually be here in
- 18 Sacramento with you, even though, as Commissioner Boyd
- 19 pointed out, I missed the opportunity to view the body
- 20 language, but I have been sitting in Santa Barbara and
- 21 avoiding a 12-hour -- overshadowed that. The first thing I
- 22 would like to do is compliment the staff. This whole
- 23 process with the AB 118 funding, from the inception, has
- 24 been a gargantuan undertaking, especially last spring when
- 25 therein quick action was required to respond to the ARRA

- 1 opportunities. The staff did an exceptional job and,
- 2 unfortunately, your federal brethren did not live up to the
- 3 standards that you set. Basically, to make this brief, I
- 4 know everybody wants to get home, is we have submitted a
- 5 written comment on behalf of the California Biodiesel
- 6 Alliance, it is brief, but it is about a page and a half
- 7 long, I urge you to read it and think about it. Some of the
- 8 questions that were raised today about, "Is there a matrix?
- 9 Is there a formula," there is an attempt in there to look at
- 10 some of the basic parameters and it is an indication of
- 11 where some of the low hanging fruit is, and it is a starting
- 12 point for some more in-depth analysis; and then specifically
- 13 on bio-diesel, as with everything, there is a good way and a
- 14 wrong way, a right way and a bad way to do things, and we
- 15 think that the funding that is allocated for biodiesel
- 16 should be directed towards making it the best possible fuel
- 17 in terms of planned energy use consumption, distribution,
- 18 etc., that it can be, you know, there are some suggestions
- 19 in there about it, as well. So, I guess, in conclusion, I
- 20 look forward to working with staff and being part of this
- 21 process in developing a better budget for next year.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Thank you, Russ. We will be
- 23 sure and definitely look at your written summation, I have
- 24 not received it as of yet here, or at least the two
- 25 Commissioners have not, but we will be looking for it.

- 1 Anyone else out there? I guess not. Oh, okay, I used up
- 2 all the blue cards, but come on up.
- 3 MR. ECKERT: Yeah, I did not fill one out.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BOYD: All right.
- 5 MR. ECKERT: Steve Eckert from Linde. Thanks for
- 6 letting me speak. Just a couple of comments, first on
- 7 biomethane. As you know, we are in partnership with Waste
- 8 Management, in producing LNG out at the Altamont Landfill
- 9 right now, and some comments on that. You know, biomethane
- 10 is the lowest carbon fuel that is available, biomethane, the
- 11 raw bio-gas is available, it is out there today to be used,
- 12 so it is available immediately. And then, a third point
- 13 about biomethane is it goes into the existing vehicle
- 14 infrastructure, it goes into existing vehicles, it goes into
- 15 existing fueling infrastructure, so there is no additional
- 16 infrastructure that is necessary. So we look at biomethane
- 17 investment as very cost-effective and encourage the
- 18 Commission to continue with levels of funding for biomethane
- 19 that would take into account what we see as some very good
- 20 benefits. My second comment is around Hydrogen
- 21 infrastructure. We will have four fueling stations up in
- 22 the Bay Area in the next year, roughly operating on both
- 23 transit, as well as for vehicles. And the funding levels of
- 24 the past have been, you know, adequate to deploy Hydrogen
- 25 infrastructure. We would encourage, you know -- continue

- 1 the same funding levels going forward for Hydrogen
- 2 infrastructure. These hydrogen stations, they certainly are
- 3 not inexpensive, but the big issues with these stations is,
- 4 for the first three years or so of their deployment, the
- 5 through-put of those stations is very very low and makes it
- 6 very difficult to -- it makes it very difficult without
- 7 significant funding in those stations. So, certainly with
- 8 that kind of low through-put in the next several years on
- 9 those types of stations, we would encourage similar levels
- 10 of funding that there has been in the past for Hydrogen
- 11 infrastructure. Thanks for the opportunity to speak.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Thanks for being here today.
- 13 Anyone else? Okay, I want to thank everyone who has been
- 14 here, and particularly for those of you who are here at the
- 15 present time, for this first meeting of the next round of
- 16 the AB 118 Investment Plan. I think a lot of questions were
- 17 raised, a lot of issues were raised with regard to the need
- 18 for more information for you to understand a little bit
- 19 better where we are going, and I think we heard that. All
- 20 things considered compared to last year, I think we ran our
- 21 first race last year and we knew a little better how to do
- 22 it this year, so hopefully you got more meat to chew on, and
- 23 you did chew on it today as compared to us asking you what
- 24 to do -- last year, and etc. etc. So I feel relatively good
- 25 about what transpired today -- well, I feel good about that

- 1 and relatively good about our ability to deal with it, to
- 2 respond back, and to move this along, and to provide you
- 3 more information, as well as be able to generate, now that
- 4 the committee members, the two of us, have heard everything
- 5 today, we can sit down with the staff and start digesting
- 6 and talking about another iteration of a draft plan,
- 7 hopefully getting closer to a final draft plan for the
- 8 future. And I hope in the intervening time we can provide
- 9 you some more background information, and I am even thinking
- 10 for your benefit the several things I said I did not
- 11 reference today, that I know are going on in other research
- 12 projects and activities that would actually help you
- 13 understand a better picture of the whole world that is going
- on, so maybe in some areas there might not be a feeling of,
- 15 "Oh, it is grossly underfunded next to other activities."
- 16 But I am sorry Mr. Fulks has left because he really gave it
- 17 to us on Hydrogen, and I wanted to give it back to him on
- 18 Hydrogen. There may be no one at -- well, wait a minute,
- 19 Dan has been -- Dan is our Hydrogen person plus I think we
- 20 have seen more Hydrogen persons in the order of magnitude
- 21 this year than any other fuel type, so I feel like they are
- 22 over-represented in terms of getting their point of view
- 23 here, but maybe I have just been beaten and battered, or we
- 24 collectively have, like some of us feel today, perhaps. But
- 25 in any event, thanks to everybody. And, Commissioner

- 1 Eggert, you might want to say a few words?
- 2 COMMISSIONER EGGERT: Sure. And I will also be
- 3 brief. I just want to thank everyone, all of the Advisory
- 4 Committee members, those that are here, those that had to
- 5 depart to catch trains, etc. I have taken a copious amount
- 6 of notes. I think I have certainly heard a lot of ideas for
- 7 further improvement of the plan. I think some of them have
- 8 the ability to be sort of incorporated into the next draft,
- 9 I think others perhaps are going to require a little bit
- 10 more thinking about how we actually undertake the work. It
- 11 may be more appropriate for the next Investment Plan. But I
- 12 think we have got a lot of material and ideas to digest here
- 13 certainly over the next couple of months. I would also just
- 14 say that I think this is obviously a tremendously
- 15 challenging task to create a portfolio of an investment that
- 16 does balance a whole variety of different societal and
- 17 public goals recognizing technical and market realities, and
- 18 I think we are starting in a great place, and the staff has
- 19 done a tremendous amount of work in putting us in a great
- 20 place to evolve the program forward. So I think, with that
- 21 I will just turn it back over. And thanks again.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Not that I am in a hurry to
- 23 close this down or anything. Anthony promised me a beer
- 24 afterwards and I am getting thirsty. Something I wished I
- 25 had said this morning, in closing, you know, I will say it

1	in closing now, I really do welcome the addition of
2	Commissioner Eggert to the Commission, but particularly to
3	this Committee. It is frankly the first time since I have
4	been here that there is two people on this committee who
5	have spent a lot of time in their lives in the
6	transportation fuels subject, so I think it will help us as
7	an agency move this subject along, and it will help you in
8	terms of having more people understand the details of what
9	you are getting into, so I look forward to really
10	carrying the heavy bucket of water, or electrons, or I do
11	not want to offend anybody here. In any event, thanks to
12	all of you, and good night. For us, this is Friday, so do
13	not come tomorrow, the place is closed.
14	COMMISSIONER EGGERT: I would just say to your
15	previous comment, what is it? Drink the best, drive the
16	rest. All right, see you.
17	(Whereupon, at 5:25 p.m., the workshop was adjourned.)
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